



RAISE THE SAILS

**ENGAGING
THE LOST**

Movement is all about
“going” to lost people.



Jesus drew crowds.



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*Now the tax collectors and sinners
were all gathering around to hear Jesus.
But the Pharisees and the
teachers of the law muttered,
“This man welcomes sinners
and eats with them.”*

Luke 15: 1-2 NIV

*Then Jesus told them this parable:
“Suppose one of you has a **hundred** sheep
and **loses one** of them. Doesn't he **leave** the ninety-
nine in the open country and **go** after
the **lost** sheep **until** he finds it?*

Luke 15: 3-4 NIV

*And when he **finds** it,
he **joyfully** puts it on his shoulders
and goes home. Then he calls his friends
and neighbors together and says,
'Rejoice with me;
I have **found** my **lost** sheep.'*

Luke 15: 5-6 NIV

*I tell you that in the **same way**
There will be more rejoicing in heaven
over **one sinner** who repents
than over **ninety-nine righteous**
persons who do not need to **repent**.*

Luke 15: 7 NIV

*Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins
and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp,
sweep the house and search
carefully until she finds it?
And when she finds it, she calls her friends
and neighbors together and says,
'Rejoice with me;
I have found my lost coin'.*

Luke 15: 8-9 NIV

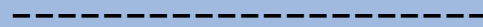


When we **lose** something
(lost things) of **great value**
we go to **great lengths** to find it.

We **focus** on what's **lost**
to the **neglect** of what's **un-lost**.



Disconnected



He's **Lost**



*“ ... he **came** to his **senses**, ...
... he got up and went **to** his **father**.
But while he was still a **long** way off,
his father **saw** him and was **filled with** ...*

Luke 15: 17a & 20 NIV



*“When he came to his senses, ...
... he got up and went to his father.
But while he was still a long way off,
his father saw him and was filled with
compassion for him; he ran to his son,
threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

Luke 15: 17a & 20 NIV



KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

*"Human beings do not readily admit desperation.
When they do,
the kingdom of heaven draws near."*

Philip Yancey
The Jesus I Never Knew



*The son said to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
But the father said to his servants ...*

Luke 15: 21-23 NIV



*The son said to him,
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
But the father said to his servants
'Quick! Bring the **best robe** and put it on him.
Put a **ring** on his finger and **sandals** on his feet.
Bring the **fattened calf** and kill it.
Let's have a **feast** and **celebrate**.*

Luke 15: 21-23 NIV



*For this son of mine
was **dead**
and is **alive** again;
he was **lost**
and is **found**.
So they began to celebrate.”*

Luke 15: 24 NIV

*“For the Son of Man (**Jesus**) came
to **seek** and **save**
the **lost.**”*

Luke 19: 10



*"It has always been my **ambition** to **preach** the **gospel** where Christ was **not known**, ... "*

Romans 15: 20

*" ... I have made myself the **slave** of everyone,
to **win** as many as possible. ...
I became **all things** to **all** people
so that by **all possible means**
I might **save some**."*

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 NIV



HOW TO ENGAGE THE LOST

1. Start with the **end in mind** (vision & mission).
2. Become a **person** of God's **Word** (Doer).
3. Become a **person** of much **prayer**.
4. Gain access by "**neighboring**" with love.
5. Find the **person of peace** (POP)