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**The direct application of the shepherd is to the scribes / Pharisees. This they understand.**

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**Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The lost sheep is 'one sinner who repents'. Rejoicing / heaven.**

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**The Owner of the 'one sinner who repents' searches diligently. Rejoicing / heaven.**

What is the common *spiritual* theme here? Lu.19:10

**That Jesus came to seek and to save what was lost. Many ways to be lost; to be found!**

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From our prior study, identify the father, older, younger sons.

**The Father is God. Older son is the scribes/Pharisees. Younger is tax collectors/sinners.**

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**Younger is blatant in his sin. Older is 'reserved', 'self-righteous'. Father loves them both!**

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**This is repentance. Acknowledging your sin. Confessing to the Father. Ask for forgiveness.**

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**Robe=restoration w/Father; Ring=authority; Sandals=position (no servant); Feast=rejoice**

Contrast the response of the younger to older son. 15:28-30 note: how he addresses the Father.

**Instead of rejoicing w/Father, he's indignant w/Father. Repentance and grace are...?**

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**The Pharisee and tax collector. One proud, judging others; One humble, seeking Grace.**

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**The sheep, coin, younger son, were lost, then found. The older...? Lost but too proud.**