



Luke 15:1-7

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “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? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ 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.

*Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more. It is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury
Signifying nothing. — Macbeth (Act 5, Scene 5, lines 17-28)*



Sermon Notes

LEADING CAUSES OF LIFE

CONNECTIONS source of **Life**

All of life is a journey Home. Home to our true selves, our true nature, our true belonging. We can do nothing, feel nothing, or be nothing alone

CONNECTIONS produce **Confidence**

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“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12

CONNECTIONS produce **Courage**

Independence flows from dependence

“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thess. 5:11

“*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*” Jn 15:5

Are we moving to deeper connections to God and to others?