



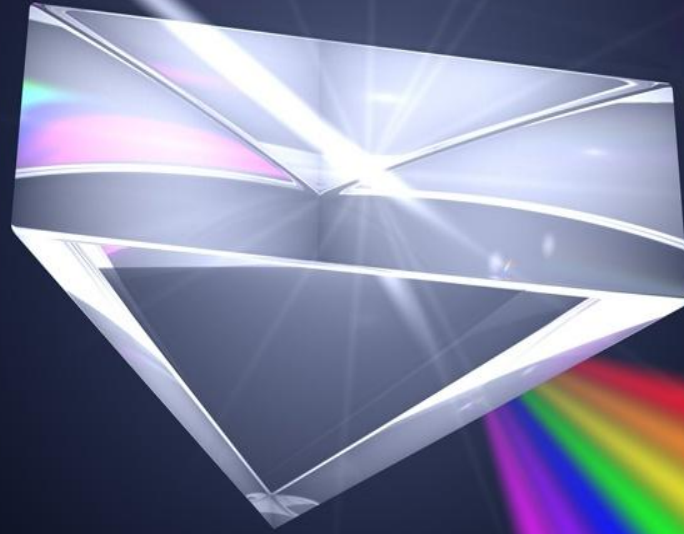
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**UNCOMMON**

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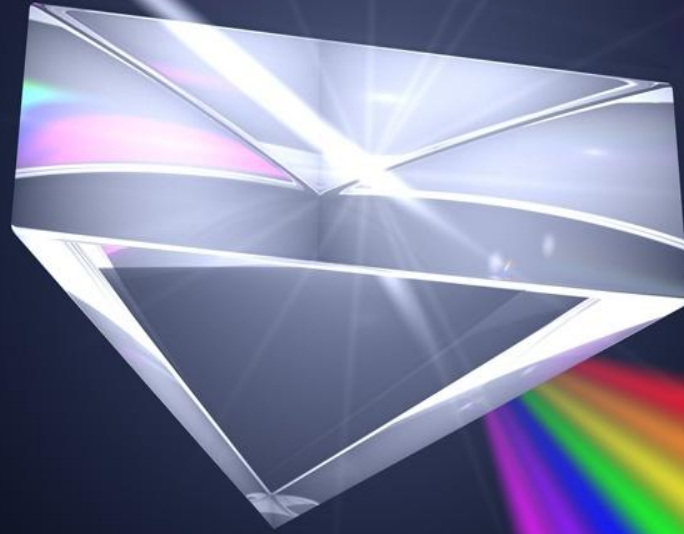
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**WELCOME**  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



*The Parables*  
OF JESUS CHRIST



# par·a·ble(s)

A little story that  
teaching a BIG truth

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and  
at this Time. Today I am a new creation in  
Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He  
has a purpose for my life.

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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.”* 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? 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.’

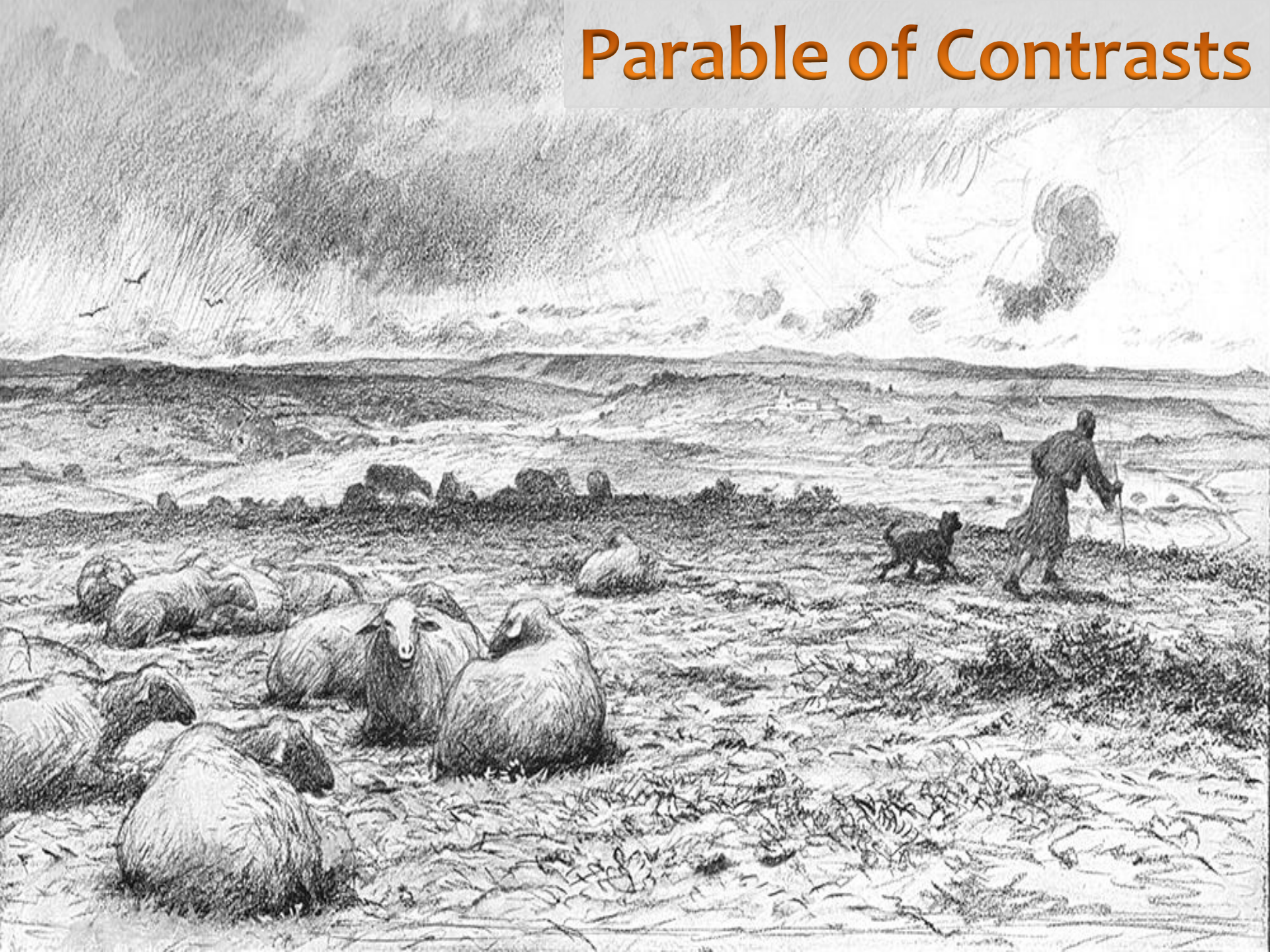
I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Luke 15:1-7

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# Parable of Contrasts



The Parable asks  
***“Does Love Have Limits?”***



**God does not cut his losses.**  
(We are Loved)



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**God does not condemn the lost.**

(Love Restores)



# Rejoicing in REPENTANCE

## **1. CONFESSION – REALIZE we are wrong!**

Confession begins with your mind and your mouth.

## **2. CONTRITION - REMOURSE over what we've done.**

This is your emotions and your expressions.

## **3. CHANGE – REARRANGE life's priorities**

Intentionally moving, acting and pursuing a new destination

**This is the true joy of life**, the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

Life is no “brief candle” to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

**George Bernard Shaw**

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