

# “Reckless Love of Jesus”

## Introduction

- Passionate Pursuit...Part 2 - “The Reckless Love of Jesus”

**Tension:** “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells us so.” Simple, easy, and True. But the lengths that Jesus went to to make His love known, was not simple or easy. We can’t take what He did for granted - taking a look at a couple Scripture passages that...

## Luke 15: 1-7

- ‘Cultural norm’ to ‘go after the 1’
  - 99 left in open field = safety in numbers; enemy usually sought out those cut off / in isolation; the “1” is in trouble
  - Most shepherds didn’t actually own the sheep - would have to give an account for loss?
  - Is ‘1’ sheep really that valuable to the owner?
    - Imagine a tough conversation if lost one - reason being:
      - Current & Future value: 1 sheep exponentially valuable throughout its lifetime...from offsprings’ offspring’s offspring (1 = 10 = 100 = 1000...)
      - Greater value than ‘face value’
      - Each sheep is exponentially valuable economically and practically speaking
      - Shepherd will look ‘go after the lost sheep until he finds it...’
        - Chris - lost jingle keys...still can’t find
  - Are ‘Sinners’ (Lost) really that valuable to God/Jesus?
    - ‘Sinners’ (Lost)= those on the margins; isolated
      - Romans 3:23 “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
    - God is Jealous for everyone man, woman and child...
    - Those without the Shepherd (who is Jesus) are outside the pasture of God’s presence and protection; vulnerable; isolated
      - If you’re lost, Jesus is after you
      - To seek the lost for Jesus is not theoretical; goes after until he find them (prevenient grace - seeking you even without you being aware)

**Adam Webber of Embrace Church: “If Son or daughter drowning while you stand on shore...what would you do to save them?”**

## Philippians 2:5-8

- Flushing out what Jesus did to find us and bring us to God
- Equal to God; same ‘nature’ / ‘form’ as God [form = morphe - changed from one form to another - pretty significant change (like us becoming a slug)]

- in Heaven; Glory; can't wait to get to - can't imagine leaving paradise after we're there; He came to us (mind boggling); John 1 "The Message" - Jesus 'became flesh and blood' and 'moved into the neighborhood'; left the 'pearly-gated community' and moved into the trailer park
- Jesus left that (our ultimate goal) to come and chase after you
- Jesus made himself NOTHING; by choice, Jesus became a bond-servant: devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests SO THAT we could be reached
- Jesus 'humbled himself' - passage about imitating Christ's humility
  - Andrew Murray Quote: "Humility is displacing self by the enthronement of God"
  - His food was to do the will of the Father, and the Father is jealous for you...not Jealous of but Jealous for

Jesus became nothing so that we could have everything.

Humbled by coming to Earth...that's not enough serve and not be served (could have demanded to be served)...washed feet, touched sick and lame...if that's not enough he died...and obedient to the point of death, dying a criminal's death on a Cross

- Why would Jesus do all this?
  - Last week= Jealous God
  - Hebrew=qana (kaw-naw'); Can be translated zeal
  - He is jealous for you and your devotion
  - You are God's desire

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### Closing

John 3:16 - 'the Gospel in miniature' (in a nutshell)

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

- God loves you
- Jesus died for you
- The Spirit lives in you and all who believe