

MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH  
Sunday, November 2, 2008 – 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor David Crouse

**Lost And Found**  
*Luke 15:11-32*

**Luke 15 Overflows With God's Love**

- Includes a **crowd** of tax collectors and “sinners”
- Includes **Pharisees** and teachers of the law

**Lost is the Common Theme**

1. A lost **sheep**

- Simply **wanders** away
- God rejoices over one **sinner** who repents

2. A lost **coin**

- Through someone else's **carelessness**
- Searches **until** it is found

3. A lost **son**

- Through **wilful** choice
- The son goes into a **downward** spiral
- He **repented**
- The father rushes to **embrace** the repentant
- **Celebration**

**The Older Brother Appears**

- There is an “older brother” **syndrome**

- Imagine if the prodigal had met his older brother **first**

### The Father **Pleads** With the Older Brother

- I treasure our **relationship** more than works
- You have **access** to all my resources
- It's my party, so come and **join me**

### Will He Go In Or Stay **Outside** ?