



*Jesus did not come so people far from God could find him. He came to find people who were far from God. There are many ways to get lost, but there is one way to be found—through the message and ministry of Jesus. And once Jesus finds you, he bids you to join him in his search and rescue mission.*

### Week 3: Find Your One... Who Is Willful

1. Rick pointed out that sheep can be stubborn, and so can we. Sometimes we wind up far from God by choice, not by accident. How have you seen that play out in your own life? Follow up: **Read Luke 15:11-24.** What surprises you the most from this story and how does it parallel your own story?
2. **A CHILD WHO RUNS FROM.** How have all people at some level attempted to find a better life outside the love of the Father? Follow up: Why is this the only story in which pursuit of the lost is delayed? In what ways is the father's response (vs. 20-24) so shocking and how does Jesus model this mercy (**Luke 23:39-43 & 1 Timothy 1:15-16**)?
3. **A FATHER WHO RUNS TO: No 1 is too lost for Jesus.** No 1 is too helpless, too bad, too late. Do you struggle with believing this? If so, why? Follow up: How can **1 Timothy 2:4** encourage you to believe this truth for yourself and for some 1 you've given up on?
4. **A FATHER WHO RUNS TO: Any 1 can come to their senses.** What caused this younger son to finally come to his senses (vs. 14-17)? Follow up: Why does it often take us going our own way before we realize the folly of our actions?
5. **A FATHER WHO RUNS TO: Some 1 must bear the cost of forgiveness.** How does the father do that in this story and how has our Father done the same for us (**see 1 Timothy 2:5-6**)? Follow up: Why is this so important for us to remember?
6. **A FATHER WHO RUNS TO: Every 1 is welcome at the cross.** It is not possible to overhype the goodness of God. Why is it so easy not to believe that God is that good?
7. Rick closed with this question, "So, who have you been running from that God is running after?" Who is your 1 and what next step toward them can you take this week? Spend some time praying for your 1's.

