

SCCC – I WAS LOST BUT I WAS FOUND

S – Scriptures

“But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’” Luke 15: 29

Consideration

One of the most preached parables of Jesus. The Lord portrayed his audience with a father and two sons. The younger one representing the tax collectors and sinners that were all gathering around to hear him. The older one representing the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who were muttering, and accusing Jesus: “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” The parallel between the Pharisees (the older son) and the crowd (the younger son) continued with the words of Jesus: “But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!” Jesus showed the terrible condition, not just of the younger son, but the much worse one of the older one. The religious leaders were in the temple, doing all the liturgies required by the Law, studying the Torah and the Prophets, however, like Jesus showed they were slaves, full of resentment and religious pride. They claimed to know Jehovah, they studied about Jehovah, but their hearts were far from Him. While the average sinners, were around Jesus to hear him. They were listening to the living word, instead of reading the word. They saw Jehovah manifested in the flesh and receiving his love and mercy, instead of being blind by pride. What a contrast!

Commitment

Every time I read this parable, I learn much about the heart of God and how easily my heart can deceive me. The Bible tells me that I should grow in the knowledge of the Word, that I should study it and meditate on it. Scriptures teach me that there are laws and principles, and if I break them, it will bring consequences just as the Prodigal son experienced, but the good news is that if I repent, my Heavenly Father will always be ready with open arms to embrace me. On the other hand, I have to watch and pray to avoid the trap to become a proud theologian, with my mind full of knowledge, but my heart far from the Lord. He came to earth and died for sinners. I am saved only by His grace. I was heading to hell. I was in rebellion and a wicked enemy of God, and only by His mercy, I was found, and only by His favor, I can see.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, thank you for your love and mercy you had for me. I deserved death and yet you sent your only Son to die in my place. I pray this morning that you help me to understand very clearly in my heart the message of the cross, that I would know Christ Jesus more and more, and the power of his resurrection, that I would not become a slave of pride, but be a humble man and at the same time recognize my true identity, I am your beloved son, through Jesus Christ, my Lord, and Savior. In his name, I pray. Amen.