

The 3 parables in the Gospel spoke to the people who originally heard them. Jesus told stories and parables to get inside the hearts, minds and souls of people....into the marrow of their bones. These same parables speak to us today as Disciples of Jesus.

The bottom line of all that Jesus taught about God's love for us is: We are precious. We are of great value. We are important. We are special. Each one of us matters to God.

In the Parable of the Lost Sheep and in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the GOOD NEWS is: Whatever we may have done or failed to do, we are the beloved of God. We are valuable to God.

Another way to say it is: We are precious in God's sight. God will always care for us, no matter what. Period. We are and will always be important to God. And, best of all, God has unconditional acceptance of us. We are, after all, God's beloved daughters and sons.

It takes us a lifetime to receive this GOOD NEWS. Today we open ears, minds, hearts and souls to take in more of what Jesus taught. This gift fills us with hope. It gives us a meaning in life. It stirs up a desire within us to share the GOOD NEWS with others.

My sisters and brothers: Receive the GOOD NEWS of God's unconditional love for us.