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Matthew 18:10-14 (ESV): “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

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ALL MEN ARE
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**MAIN
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Luke 4:18-19 (ESV): “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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Luke 6:32-33 (ESV): “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.”

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““Your other activities, Miss ten Boom. What would you like to tell me about them?’ ‘Other activities? Oh, you mean- you want to know about my church for mentally retarded people!’ and I plunged into an eager account of my efforts at preaching to the feeble-minded. The lieutenant’s eyebrows rose higher and higher. ‘What a waste of time and energy!’ he exploded at last. ‘If you want converts, surely one normal person is worth all the half-wits in the world!’...”

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“...I stared into the man’s intelligent blue-gray eyes: true National-Socialist philosophy I thought.... And then to my astonishment I heard my own voice saying boldly, ‘May I tell you the truth, Lieutenant Rahms?’ ‘This hearing, Miss ten Boom, is predicated on the assumption that you will do me that honor.’ ‘The truth, Sir,’ I said, swallowing, ‘is that God’s viewpoint is sometimes different from ours – ...’”

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“...so different that we could not even guess at it unless He had given us a Book which tells us such things.’ I knew it was madness to talk this way to a Nazi officer. But he said nothing so I plunged ahead. ‘In the Bible I learn that God values us not for our strength or our brains but simply because He has made us. Who knows, in His eyes a half-wit may be worth more than a watchmaker. Or – a lieutenant.’” (From Corrie ten Boom’s autobiography *The Hiding Place*, page 173)

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Luke 15:1-7 (ESV): “The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’ 3 So he told them this parable: 4 ‘What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?...”

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“...5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

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GO TO THE
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Luke 14:12-14 (ESV): “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.”

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