



## **The Story of the Wandering Sheep**

(Luke 15 1 – 7)

The tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were whispering among themselves, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them a story. He said, “Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the 99 in the open country? Won’t he go and look for the one lost sheep until he finds it?

When he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he will call his friends and neighbours together. He will say, ‘Be joyful with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you it will be the same in heaven. There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for the 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins.