

SERMON NOTES

Title: Why Doesn't God Do
Something

Text: Luke 15:1-31

Topic: Free Will

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The parables in Luke 15 are better understood as one parable instead of three.

Are lost sheep and coins more valuable than lost boys? No. Then why is it when the son is lost you let him be lost? There's a difference between a sheep, a coin, and a boy.

When a boy is lost a father knows there are certain limitations to what he can do to help that boy find himself.

This parable is a picture of the relationship between God & man.

All of creation except for man automatically glorifies God. But if God were to control our every action, He would blur the distinction between sheep, coins and men.

In the hierarchy of values voluntary allegiance is of greater value than compulsory allegiance.

God's will for us is to love Him But he will not force it upon us. He could make us glorify Him but to do so would violate the difference between sheep, coins and men.

In this story we see that God is carrying on a relationship with humanity that is based on a value system that cannot be carried on with inanimate objects or animals.

There are people who resist this love and because of their own stubbornness & pride they miss the very salvation of their own soul and participation in the salvation of the world.