The Love That Pursues

TUESDAY · DECEMBER 22
READ Luke 15:1-7

Jesus told the story of a shepherd who went after one lost sheep and rejoiced when it was found. The story reveals God's heart toward sinners. He is not indifferent to the wandering or reluctant to receive those who repent. Advent is a season to celebrate the Shepherd who came looking for the lost. That includes those who have wandered far and those who have quietly grown cold while staying close to church activities. We do not have to hide our need behind respectable appearances. Jesus welcomes repentant sinners with mercy. And as people who have received that mercy, we can move toward those who feel forgotten, isolated, or far away.

REFLECT

Where do you need to return to Jesus, and who around you may need a reminder of His welcome?

PRAY

Seeking Shepherd, thank You for pursuing the lost. Give us hearts shaped by Your mercy.