


# GOD'S LOVE FOR SINNERS

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LUKE 15: 1-7, 11-24

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- Why we are called to witness?



I keep asking that the God of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give  
you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
so that you may know him better.

**Ephesians 1:17**

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**know God's  
heart**

## LUKE 15:1-7

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- Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**”
- <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

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- <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

- <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

# JESUS WELCOMES SINNERS AND EATS WITH THEM.

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- Why Jesus interacted with the outcast of (Jewish) society.
- Why the celebration over finding one.

# THREE PARABLES

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- Parable of the lost sheep ( 15:1-7)
- Parable of the lost coin (15:8-10)
- Parable of the lost son ( 15:11-24)

## LOST COIN ( 15:8-10)

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- a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.
- she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it.
- she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'



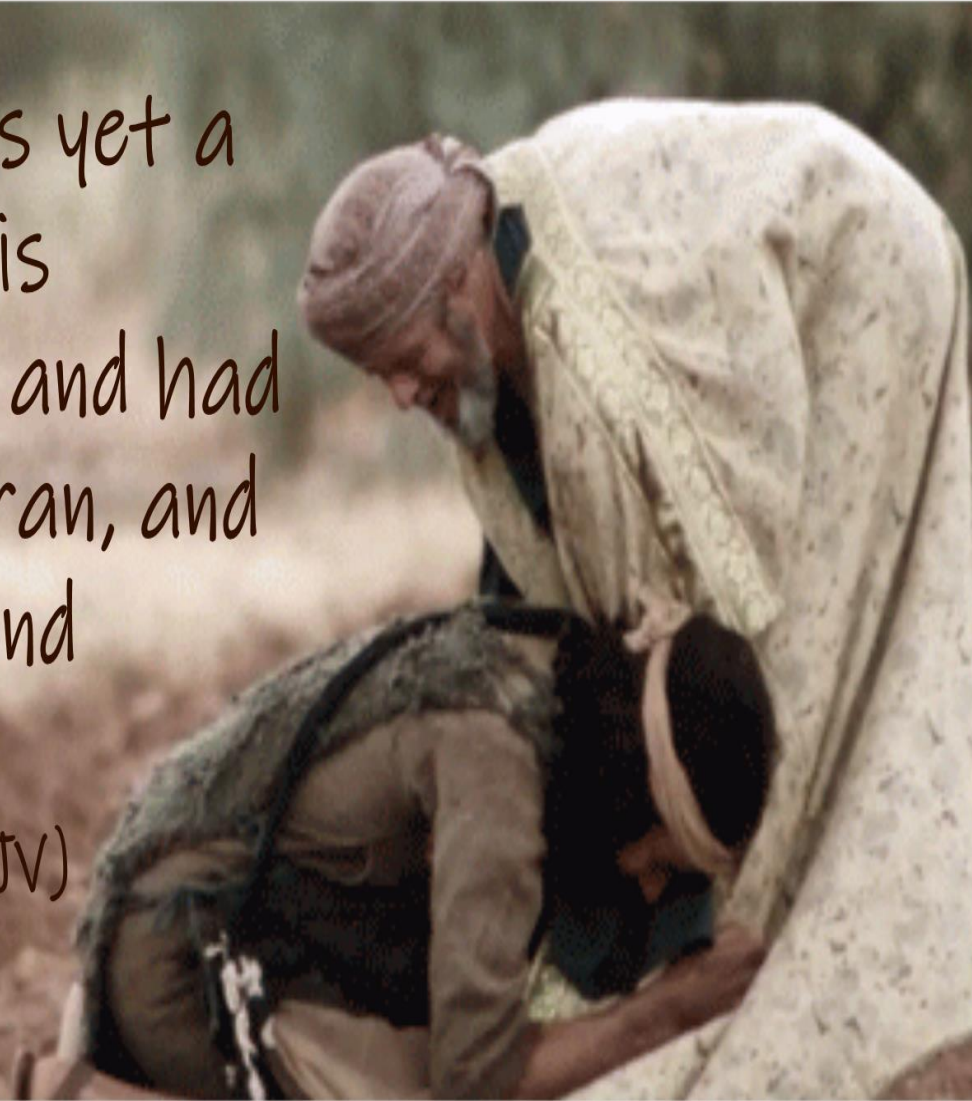
# LOST SON (15:11-24)

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- A father had two sons, the younger took his inheritance and left home for a foreign land. There he squandered and lost everything...ended up looking after pigs.
- Hunger brought him 'to his senses'.
- Returned home.....to an unexpected welcome by the father who was watching and waiting for his return.

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

⌘ Luke 15:20 (NKJV)



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**Watching and waiting**

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THE SON SAID TO HIM

Father, I have sinned against against heaven and in your sight and am no more worthy to be called your son.

Luke 15:21

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The father gave  
- A Robe  
- A Ring &  
- Sandals  
to restore his son.

(Luke 15:22)

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**LUKE 15:23**

**<sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.**

# PARABLES

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## GOD

- shepherd
- woman
- father

## LESSON

- God's heart is revealed in these parables

**He loves sinners..**

# PARABLES

## **The Lost**

Sheep • Coin • Son



### OBJECT LOST

- Sheep ( 1 of a 100)
- Coin ( 1 of 10)
- younger son ( 1 of 2 )

**Each one is precious**

# GOD'S DETERMINATION / PASSION

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Go after..



Sweep and search

Waiting and watching



For the  
Son of Man  
came to seek  
and to  
save the lost



Luke 19:10

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Salvation of Zacchaeus and his  
household



# WHAT WAS LOST?

THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE  
SOUND OF THE LORD GOD AS HE WAS  
WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF  
THE DAY, AND THEY HID FROM THE LORD  
GOD AMONG THE TREES OF THE GARDEN.  
BUT THE LORD GOD CALLED TO THE MAN,  
“WHERE ARE YOU?”

GENESIS 3:8-9

- Fellowship with God was normal in Eden.

# WHAT WAS LOST?

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- “they hid from Him.....where are you?”
- Mankind was dead in sin and lost from God ...like the lost sheep/coin/son.

**God's fellowship was lost**

# SPIRITUAL DEATH

Therefore, Just As Sin Entered  
The World Through One  
Man, And Death Through  
Sin, And In This Way Death  
Came To All Men, Because  
All Sinned--

Romans 5-12

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- All are sinners
- All are spiritually dead...lost from God

# GOD'S INITIATIVE OF SALVATION STARTED FROM EDEN

Verse of the Day

"And I will put enmity  
between you and the  
woman, and between  
your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his  
heel."

-Genesis [3:15](#)

- Offspring of the woman....  
prophecy of a Messiah
- Jesus Christ will defeat Satan.

HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON,  
BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL,  
HOW SHALL HE NOT WITH HIM ALSO  
FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?

ROMANS 8:32

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- God did not spare His own Son (not a prophet or priest)
- God's heart to reclaim the lost

# The Hound of Heaven

I fled Him down the nights and down the days.  
I fled Him down the arches of the years,  
I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways  
of my own mind: And in the mist of tears  
I hid from Him...From those strong feet that  
followed, that followed after.


Love chase:

- Soul running from the presence of God.
- God's remorseless, tireless seeking and following of the lost soul.

# FELLOWSHIP RESTORED..... BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

THEREFORE, BROTHERS,  
SINCE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE  
TO ENTER THE HOLY PLACES  
**BY THE BLOOD  
OF JESUS...**

HEBREWS 10:19

 Faithlife  
www.faithlife.com

- Jesus blood cleanses us from our sin and has removed the barrier to God.
- Enter with confidence into His presence....lost fellowship can be regained

# GREAT CELEBRATION IN HEAVEN



In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10 NIV)



# WHAT WAS LOST IS FOUND....



**Each sinner is precious to God**

# WHAT IS THE REASON FOR REJOICING?

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- For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ( John 3:16)
- He save us because of grace, unmerited love (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**His love and mercy.**



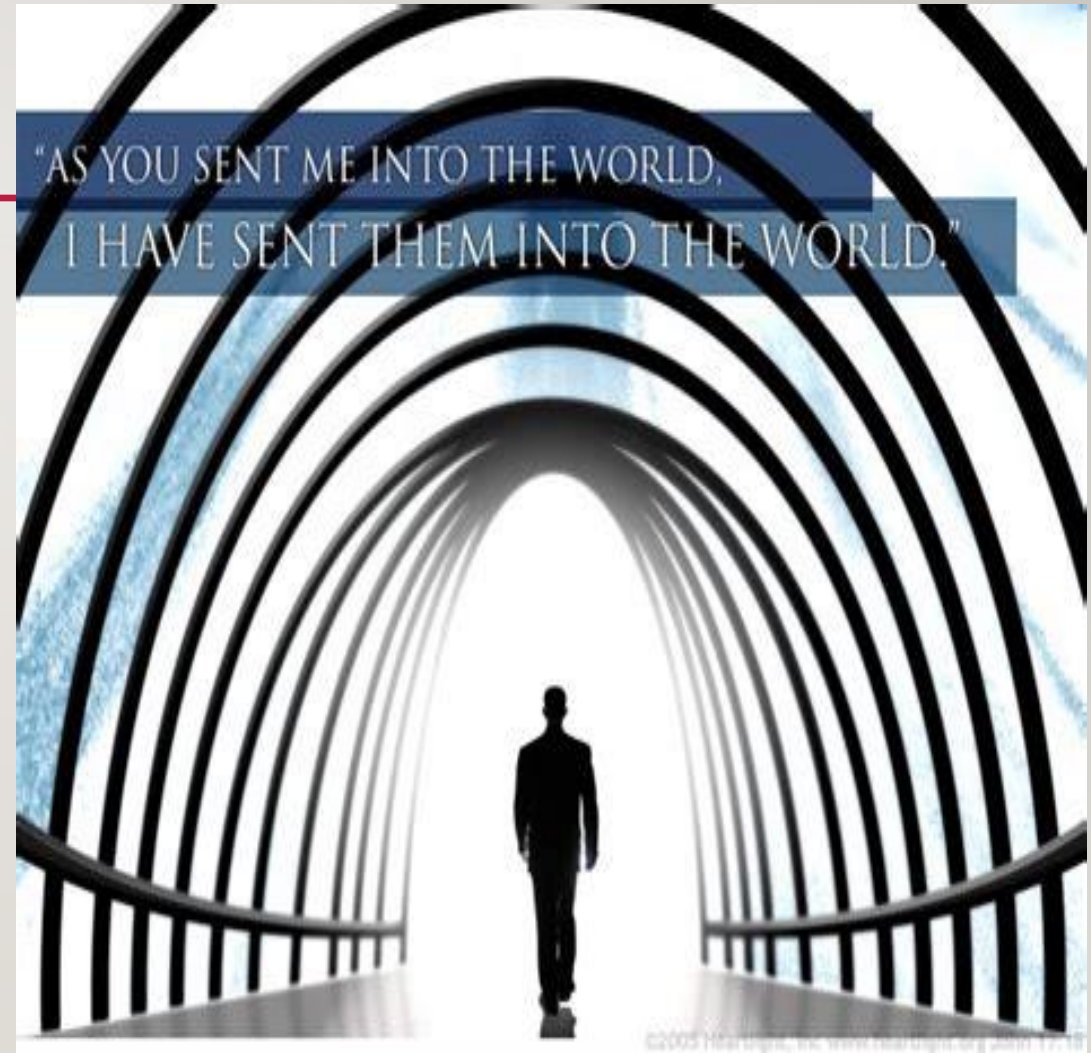
# WHY DO WE WITNESS FOR CHRIST?

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- As you sent me into the world,  
I have sent them into the world.

( John 17:18)

**We have been sent  
to save the lost.**

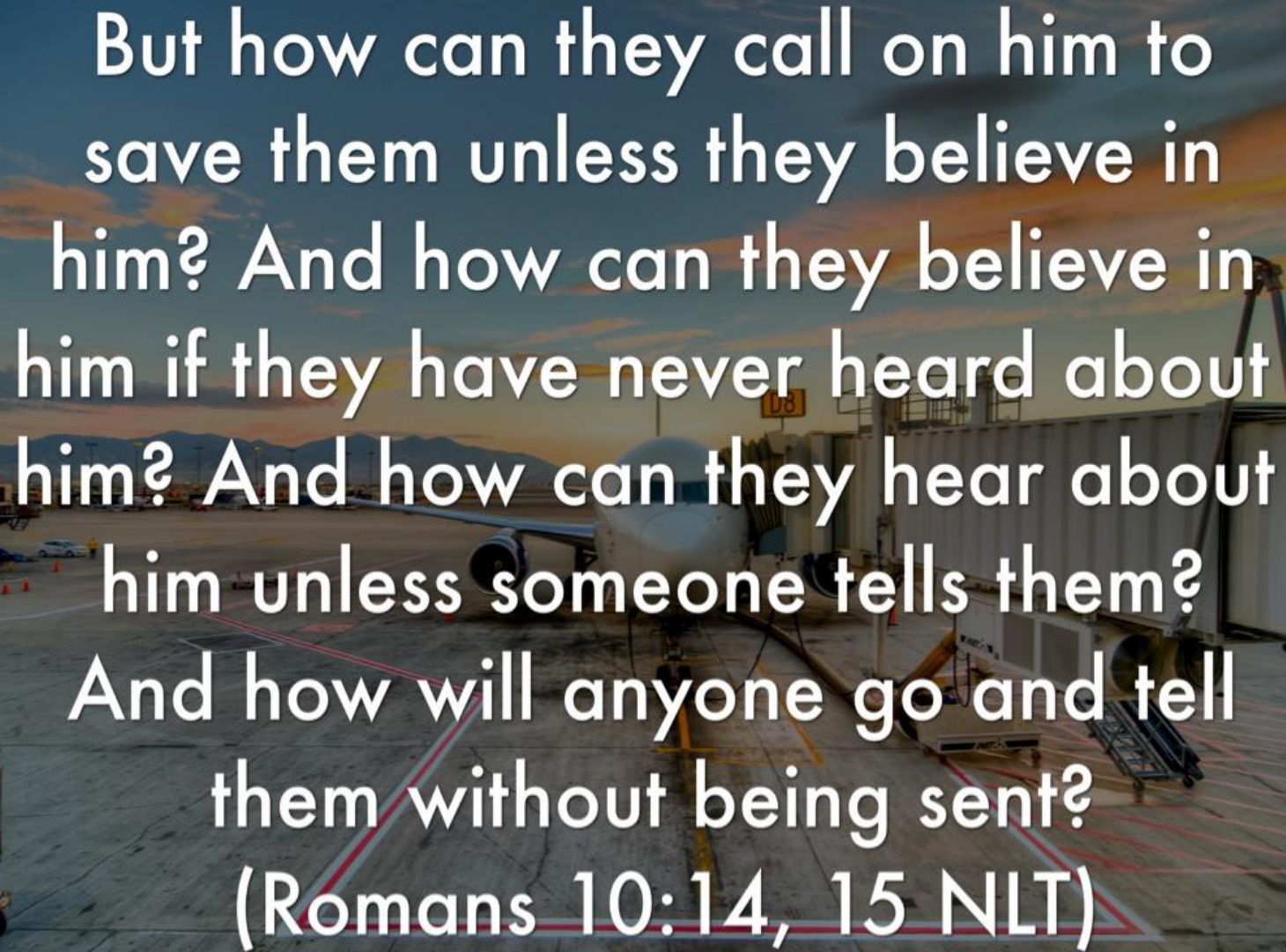


## SENT AS WITNESSES

But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes  
on you; and you will be  
my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.

**Acts 1:8**





But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?  
(Romans 10:14, 15 NLT)

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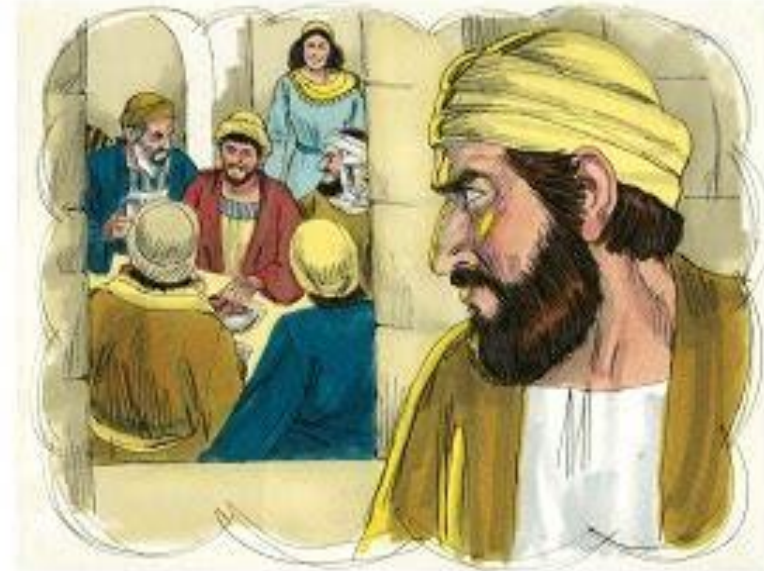
**Who will tell  
the good news?**

# ELDER BROTHER'S ATTITUDE

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- <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.'

HE REFUSED TO GO IN!  
LUKE 15:25-32



# FATHER'S LOVE

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- <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.



**Elder brother failed  
to understand his  
father's love.**

# Look at the Elder Brother

- He was angry
- He was hateful
- He was jealous
- He was a judge

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- Felt unappreciated by the father.
  - Judged his brother...felt he was a better son



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## FATHER'S FORGIVING LOVE

- Symbolize the divine love of God

## ELDER BROTHER'S RESENTMENT

- Attitude of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law....
- Legalistic and unforgiving.

# The Father Who Loved His Two Sons

**Luke 15:11-32**



- Elder son...always a son.
- Younger son was lost and 'dead' but has returned alive....needed mercy and forgiveness
- Father's actions based on his love for both sons.

# GOD'S LOVE FOR SINNERS

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- God loves and welcome all sinners.
- He is passionate to seek and save the Lost.
- Invitation to come and believe in Jesus as Saviour.
- Sent us to be His witnesses.

# PHARISEES ATTITUDE

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- Failure to know the God's heart of love.
- Lacking love for the lost 'sheep'
- Legalistic and judgemental  
..... self righteous attitude
- Reason for not witnessing
- Lack of love, mercy and forgiveness lead to failure to be a witness

# HLCE MISSION AND CORE VALUE NO. 4: COMMITMENT TO WITNESS

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- <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ( 1 Timothy 2:3-6)