

3 Ways to be Lost

1. **Without belonging** (Luke 15:1-7)
2. **Without purpose** (Luke 15:8-10)
3. **Without identity** (Luke 15:11-32)

Discontent Reasons: Luke 15

How we become lost
 Luke 15:11-12

Luke 15:11-24

Discontentment is a sign that something is wrong.
 When something is wrong that we cannot explain,
 we feel **lost**.

Understanding discontentment

1. Discontentment is amoral.
2. Discontentment can a sign and/or a gift.
3. Discontentment can drive us to make good and bad decisions.
4. Discontentment can send us on a journey of discovery.

Discontent Reasons: Luke 15

Common responses to discontentment

1. Ignoring — hoping it goes away
2. Lashing out or Blaming others (even God) or the circumstances
3. Making excuses for not changing
4. Live with it -- discontent becomes a safety blanket

Discontent Reasons: Luke 15

**How do we overcome
discontentment?**
Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:11-24

1. Think and Live 'Carpe Diem'

- Luke 15:11-12
- James 4:2b

Luke 15:11-12

James 4:2b (NKJV)

You do not have because you do not ask.

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STORY: Camels, Michael Jackson, and Lions

Luke 15:11-12

2. Embrace discomfort and respond with love

- Luke 15:12, 28
- Matthew 5:11-12

— The enemy of the cross is comfort.

Luke 15:12,28

Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

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Philippians 3:17-19

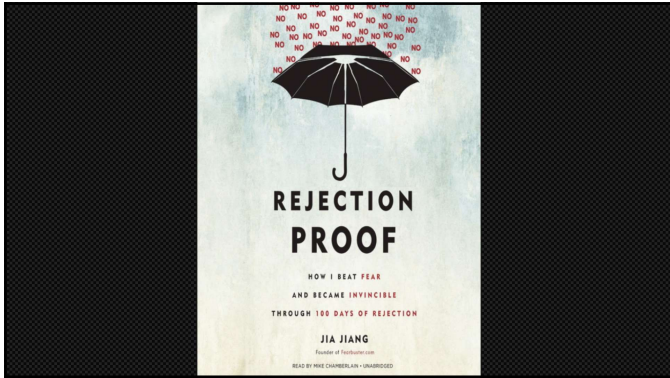
"Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

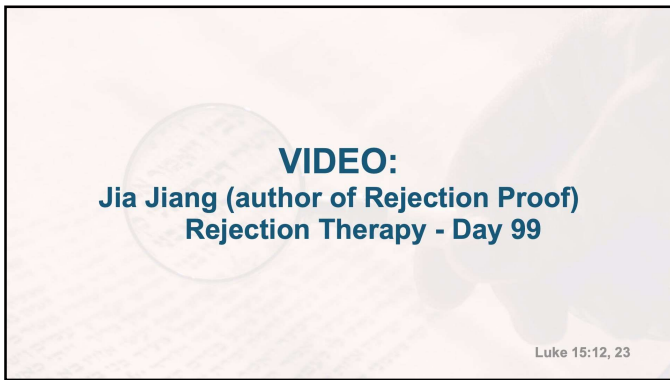
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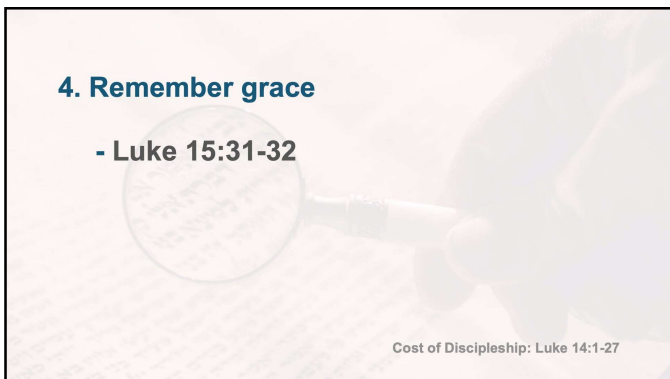
3. Risk rejection rather than live w/ regret

- Luke 15:25-30 (the hard conversation)

Luke 15:25-30







Matthew 5:12 (NIV)

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

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JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

WHAT YOU LEARN HERE

IS OFTEN WHAT GETS YOU HERE

5. Look to Christ for belonging, purpose and identity.

- Genesis 1:27
- Jeremiah 1:5

Luke 15:1-27

ACTION ITEM

- 1) In the next 24-48 hours, journal your discontent and why you are feeling lost.
- 2) Share it with a trusted accountability partner, and then discern together, "what are the opportunities for growth in this season?"
