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Lost
Sheep
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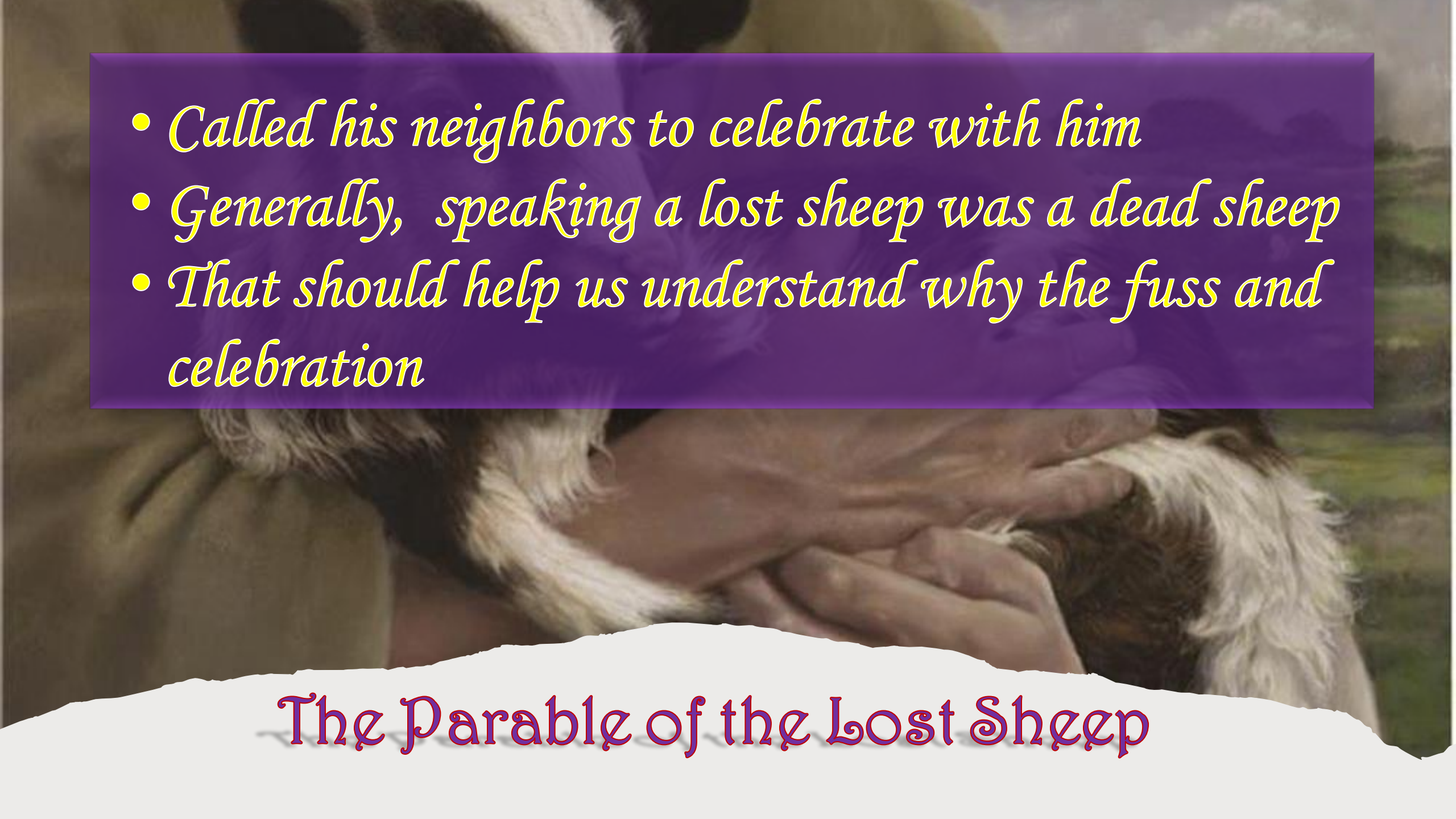
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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable:

- *Shepherd had 100 sheep and one was lost*
- *Not bad odds*
- *At great risk he went to search for the one sheep*
- *When sheep was found-carried in his shoulders & rejoiced*
- *Why such a big deal? He still had 99 sheep*
- *Sheep with shepherd for a long time is a dead sheep*

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

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- *Called his neighbors to celebrate with him*
 - *Generally, speaking a lost sheep was a dead sheep*
 - *That should help us understand why the fuss and celebration*

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The Parable of the Lost Coin

- She had 10 silver coins and lost one
- Each coin about a day's wages
- House turned upside down
- Compare to losing wedding ring
- When she found the coin she celebrated
- Market value not important

Don't over
think with
your brain but
feel with your
heart

celebration

- *Hypocritical, arrogant, unloving Jews were original audience*
- *Cares for sinners – the one legitimate charge*
- *Where else would the Great Physician be?*
- *Tax collectors – greatly hated by “pious Jews”*
- *Can't be sure who the sinners that Luke mentions –but we know they were despised*

Application of Parables

- *These 2 parables were to challenge the critical, hypocritical Jews*
- *Two feathers of same arrow shot to the heart of the critical Jews*

THE COIN & THE LOST SHEEP

- *Lost people are important*
- *Great joy in heaven when the lost are found*



- *Why were sheep & coin lost?*
- *Not told why; neither responsible for being lost*
- *However, we are responsible*

THE COIN & THE LOST SHEEP

- *Sheep & shepherd had a close caring relationship*
- *Shepherd deeply cared for the lost sheep*
- *Sheep could not save himself—needed someone to search*



- *God's love is a seeking love*
- *Thus, He sent His Son to seek & save lost (Luke 19:10)*
- *It's not surprising disciples are to seek lost*

THE COIN & THE LOST SHEEP

- *See the joy of God when a sinner saved*
- *We should share God's joy*



The Cost of Separation & Salvation

- *Lost is a terrible, dangerous place to be –lost sheep dead sheep*
- *Terrible to be separated from the one to whom we belong*
- *We are closer to a lost sheep than we want to admit*



- *Understand “lostness” understand importance of mission of church*
- *See the joy of being found*
- *See the price of reconciliation*
- *Being lost doesn’t have to be a permanent situation*
- *Associate with sinners for purpose of their salvation*
- *Learn proper attitude toward the lost*

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- *God goes out of His way to save the lost*
- *Heaven rejoices when a lost sinner is found*
- *We must share the Father's attitude toward the lost*
- *Jesus tells another parable to make the point clearer*

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