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I lost my cell phone! What makes the matter more troubling is the fact it was lost somewhere in my house. I've gone through closets, looked under beds, and revisited shelves and drawers multiple times as I diligently engaged in the search. This wasn't a new phone. It was about 4 or 5 years old. But it was my phone, loaded with all my favorite apps and set up exactly like I wanted it. Three whole weeks have passed with no phone in sight.

Jesus told the story in Luke 15:8-10 of a woman who had lost a coin. She cleaned her house and diligently sought for it until she had found it. When the valuable was found, she called all her friends and celebrated. That is exactly what I would have done . . . if my phone had been found (well, maybe not a big celebration — but I would have at least told some close friends and family!)

We are not told the value of this woman's coin; but we know it was made of silver. It was a big deal, because it could have been worth a few days' wages. The parable was taught to illustrate the joy that is experienced in the presence of angels over one sinner who repents. Certainly a sinner is worth much more to God than a coin or an old cell phone.

While money and new cell phones will be received this Christmas, the celebration is about neither. It is about the fact God demonstrated His love to the world by giving His only begotten Son to save those who would trust in Him.

Maybe you're waiting for Christmas to celebrate with the gifts that will be under the Christmas tree. Don't miss the Greatest Gift of all: Christ our Lord. You can receive Him right now. (This [link](#) will tell you how!)

- Dr. L.W. Edwards



(Jacques Boissinot/The Canadian Press)

Living in Quebec for seven years was not good enough for Émilie. She was a French citizen, and had completed her studies at Laval University in French. She had earned a degree from Canada's first all-French-speaking university. But her proficiency in the French language was

called to question because a single chapter of her thesis had been written in English (the chapter had been submitted to an English-language academic journal). Based on this information, the Immigration Ministry of Quebec denied her residency application. They thought she didn't understand French well enough.

Fortunately for Émilie, the misunderstanding was resolved after officials reviewed her case. Did you know God suffers from a similar language misunderstanding each day? Many people accuse Him of being unaware, unconcerned, incapable, or unwilling to address the true needs of humanity. We often hear, "Where was God when that happened?" or "How could a loving God allow this to happen?" It's clear the pain tied to these questions is real, yet we need to zoom out to see the big picture for understanding.

When God expressed His love to the world, He spoke in a language we could understand — humanity. He gave His Love a beating heart and wrapped him with skin and bones. He set him in a feeding trough for farm animals and gave him a home with a newly engaged Jewish couple. He used angels to share the word of his arrival with peasant shepherds and used an eastern star to guide wise men to him.

Jesus' humble, barn-animal-crowded birthplace tells us God is equally at home in a stable as in Heaven — no place is too great or small for Him. God is content to live among us, even if we have little to offer Him in return. His reception by poor shepherds and wealthy wise men speaks of God's love for people of all social classes. Christmas proves God's love for mankind.

Our world is broken. Reading the news for five minutes confirms it. Difficulties at work, family tragedies, national and global political unrest, natural disasters, health problems, and our own brokenness confirm it as well. God sent His Son into this world, but not as a casual bystander. He came as its Redeemer — He loves us that much.

- Cameron Edwards

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