

THINGS UNSEEN

Today I want to talk about the unseen realities of forgiveness

Matthew 4:23 – Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. (NLT)

- **Luke 12:32** – ... His good pleasure to give you the kingdom
- **Luke 1:33**... his kingdom will never end."
- **Revelation 11:15** – Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (ESV)
- **Revelation 21:3** – I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "God lives with humans! God will make his home with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and be their God. (GW)

John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 4:18 – So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV)

Luke 15:1-2 – Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! (NLT)

Things unseen: **God is looking for you**

The fact that God searches for us tells us

- we are worth searching for
- we are worth finding
- we are valuable to God.

Luke 15:5-6 – And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' (NLT)

Things unseen: **God sees you**

Things unseen: **God runs & embraces**

Luke 15:20 – So he returned home to his **father**. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. (NLT)

Things unseen: **God sets the value**

Luke 15:18-19 – I will set out and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'" (NKJV)

God sets the value of our lives- Based on the value of the life of His son...

Luke 15:22-24 "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴**for this son of mine** was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. (NLT)

Things unseen: **God Celebrates**

Luke 15:32 – We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!" (NLT)

Luke 15:7 – ... I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (ESV)