

A New Thing

- Repurposing is a word that is being used a lot today.
- We watch decorating and home remodeling shows. They show us how to take something that has been lying around and transform it into something new and beautiful.
- My father in law had a gift of refinishing and making furniture. Many pieces of furniture in my house has been either built by or refinished by him.
- The table just inside the front door of this church was built by him.
- Some people take scraps of cloth and make them into a beautiful quilt.
- During Jesus' ministry he took common everyday things and used them to teach a deep spiritual truth.
- He taught using parables. Stories that have something that the people could identify with like a farmer or a rich man or a father and his sons.
- Many times in the Gospels we see the stories. Some of them we can tell ourselves.
- In Luke 15 Jesus tells 3 parables. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son.
- **Luke 15:1–2 (NLT)**
- **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!**
- Notice who Jesus is teaching this lesson to, tax collectors, notorious sinners, and the Pharisees.
- The first parable; **Luke 15:3–7 (NLT)**
- **3 So Jesus told them this story: 4 “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 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.’ 7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!**
- The second parable; **Luke 15:8–10 (NLT)**
- **8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins* and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have**

found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

- The third parable; Luke 15:11-32 the lost son
- These parables have common themes.
- The first theme is obvious something is lost.
- It is interesting to me that Jesus told this in front of tax collectors and notorious sinners
- The second theme is how God’s love is for the sinners and how far He is willing to go to demonstrate that love.
- The third theme is the joy of the lost being found.
- These three parables are lived out in the life of Jesus
- Jesus came to this Earth to show us the Father’s love and through that love save us.
- It was after Jesus entered into Jerusalem it came time for the Passover feast or what we call the last supper.
- Jesus taught the disciples a new thing.
- He showed them through everyday things.
- He gave new meaning to the bread and the wine.
- **1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NLT)**
- **23 For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread 24 and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” 25 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.” 26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.**
- He taught them about the bread describing it as His body broken for them.
- We know what they He was talking about but they didn’t know until the next day.
- What we see as an ordinary loaf of bread is not so ordinary anymore.
- After Jesus was arrested and sentence to death they took Him and beat Him.
- Whipped Him 39 times. Where His flesh was torn from His body.
- When we take the bread we are remembering this act of love toward us.
- After He was beaten and whipped they made Him carry a 100-pound cross beam approximately 100 yards.
- His body is already severely weakened. He is bleeding and in great pain.

- Then Jesus arrives at Golgotha where the executions take place.
- Jesus puts the crossbeam down He is then nailed to that cross with 7 inch spikes through His wrist and then through His ankles.
- Jesus would have to push down on His legs to breathe. Eventually He died because of suffocation.
- I tell you this story because this story shows us how far God was willing to go to show us His love.
- This event in history is what we remember every time we take communion!
- As the scripture says.
- On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.” ²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.” ²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.
- Invite all to communion.