



pursuit

- The action of following or pursuing someone
- The action of tracking someone
- The action of chasing someone



The pursuit of our wives

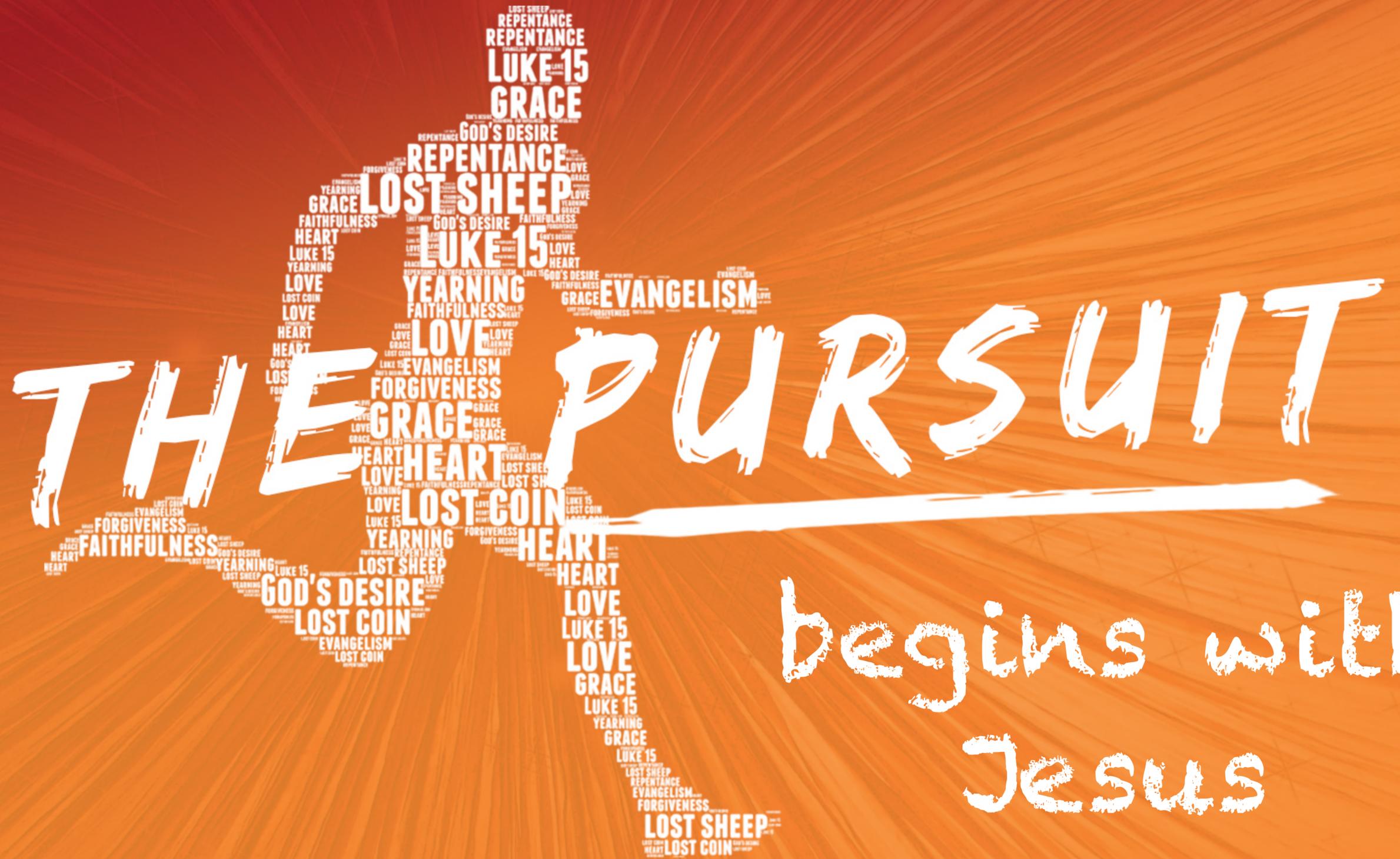
“we must begin to embrace a war-like posture
in this arena”

Jesus takes a war like posture in pursuing us to
Him. We must begin to to embrace a war like
attitude and embrace His grip and never let go!



Luke 15: 1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, 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.



THE PURSUIT

begins with
Jesus



lost (apollumi):
to perish, to destroy, to lose, to
lose eternal life, to be spiritually
destitute, to be cut off
*“Jesus knows the name of the
lost and he knows who has
decided to get lost”*



Jesus knows the real you

- Jesus draws
- Jesus never stops
- Jesus is persistent
- Jesus is determined
- Jesus is on a mission
- Jesus corrects the religionists
- Jesus is going after the lonely



THE PURSUIT

Continues with
our hunger

Our attractions feed our



- Need for purpose in our occupations
- Lifestyle and acceptance
- Ego
- Need for recognition
- Need for honor outside of the pasture
- Desire for wealth
- Need for power

Our attractions arouse



- Our blood
- Our heart
- Butterflies in our gut
- Cravings to erupt within us
- Our need to escape
- Our need for relaxation

Our attractions arouse



- Separation from Jesus, which brings about a relentless pursuit by Jesus
- Our separation from scripture, “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them” 1 John 2:15



THE PURSUIT

Continues with
the transfer of
hunger



THE PURSUIT

Reveals the
Shepherds intent

The Shepherd (Jesus) action revealed:



- That the Shepherd (Jesus) sought after the lost sheep
- That the Shepherd (Jesus) left the ninety nine
- That the Shepherd (Jesus) left the ninety nine because that one sheep needed His attention
- That the Shepherd (Jesus) believed that the sheep had great value
- That the Shepherd Jesus ignored the grumbling (Whew)

The Shepherd rejoiced:



- Gladness sourced from the inner part of the heart, fellowship, and heaven

“God’s pursuit of you is always greater than your ability to wander away from Him”



THE PURSUIT

Are you in pursuit of Him? Or is He in pursuit of you?

