

## 21 DAYS OF DEDICATION:

### Spiritual practice for 2025 – Giving

#### Adopt a Long-Term Ministry Partner\*

- Give money - \$25/month (over and above regular giving)
- Give time – pray weekly
- Give focus - read monthly newsletter

\*Parents – throughout the year SB Kids will be praying for and writing letters of encouragement to the children of our Long-Term Ministry Partners, you may want to include your children in the decision of which partner family to adopt





# StoneBridge Partners

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**Arthur &  
Mary Alice**  
Peru



**Josh  
& Rocio**  
Peru



**Ben &  
Cristina**  
Germany



**Cory  
& Jessie**  
Montenegro



**Sean  
& Jamie**  
Arabian  
Peninsula



**Justin &  
Elizabeth**  
Asia Minor



**Josh  
& Mandy**  
Asia Minor



**Cole  
& Abbie**  
Asia Minor



**Kurt  
& Eva**  
Asia Minor



**Jason &  
Felicia**  
Romania



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**Scott  
& Tina**

Table on Delk



**Angie  
Smith**

Mission 1:27



**Luke  
Wood**

FCA



**Kristin  
McLendon**

FCA



**Katy  
Gomez**

FCA



**Bekah  
Baxter**

Chosen Vessels



**Harrison  
& Taylor**

TMS Global



**Adam &  
Michelle**

Connect Missions



**Susan  
Kelly**

e3 Partners



**Genna  
Mercurio**

313 Ministries



**21 Days of Dedication** - intentional and focused time of committing ourselves to the Lord in 2025

**How can you participate?**

- **Daniel Fast** – partial fast; no ‘choice food’
- **Worship Nights** – 7:00-8:00 pm on Wednesdays Jan 15, 22, and 29

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**DEDICATION**

## Luke 15

**Parable** – story taken from real life that communicates spiritual truth, often contains a twist/surprise

### Two major truths:

- God seeks and saves the lost
- God rejoices when a sinner repents

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# Pharisees are muttering because Jesus eats with sinners:

- **Pharisees** – sect within Judaism that was hyper-focused on keeping the Law and maintaining strict separation between clean and unclean
- **Tax collectors** – Jews who collected taxes/tolls from their own people on behalf of Roman government; seen as traitors; notoriously dishonest
- **Sinners** – Jews who didn't keep the Law to the standards of the Pharisees
- **Muttering** – complained, grumbled; same word used to describe attitude of people in wilderness towards Moses/Aaron
- **Significance of eating** – communicates acceptance of someone as a brother or sister

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## Lost Sheep/Lost Coin

- Person has collection of objects
  - 100 sheep/ 10 coins
- Person loses one item of their collection
- Person searches for lost object
- Upon finding lost object person rejoices and invites community into celebration
- Jesus' perspective – God rejoices more over one sinner who repents than these people did over the recovery of their lost possessions

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What we see about God and His mission

He bears the cost of the rescue - sheep wander and shepherd pays the price of recovery (70lbs over rugged terrain)



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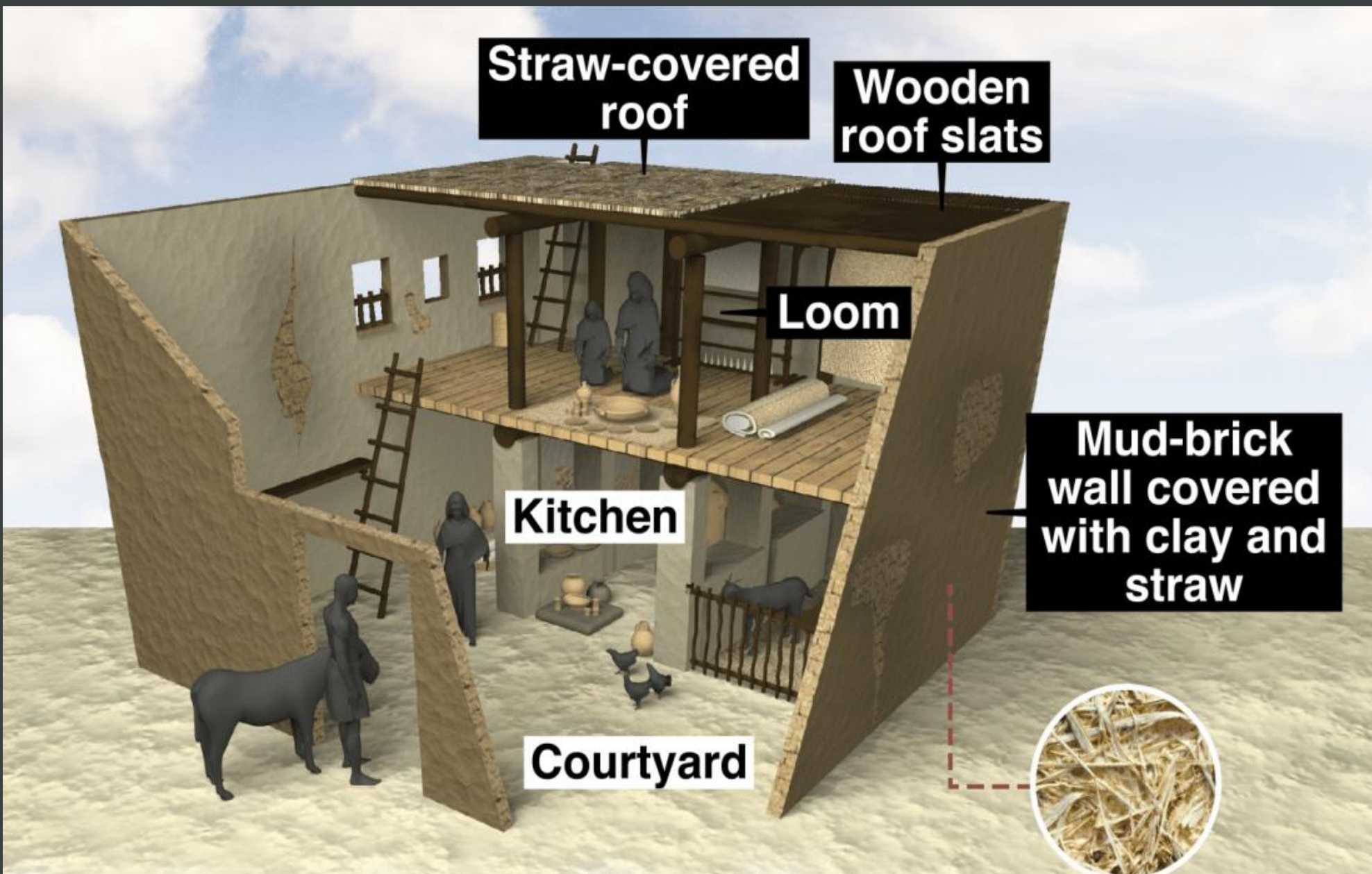


What we see about God and His mission

He searches diligently for the lost – not casual looking, but intent seeking (kept on sweeping)

# TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF DEDICATION

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## What we see about God and His mission

- **The value of one lost person** – leaves 99 to find the one
  - Economically it makes no sense to risk the wellbeing of 99 for the chance of rescuing the 1
- **The disproportionate joy of God** – woman throws a party that costs more than the value of the recovered coin
  - 1 drachma = 1 day's wage

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