

Daily Morning Message  
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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 100  
  2 Samuel 9:1-13  
  Luke 15:1-7

Today's Scripture Verse:    *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 words of Jesus in Luke 15:7)*

What it means:                Jesus had just been criticized by some religious people, because he welcomed sinners and ate with them. This verse was his response. Jesus did not assume that someone who sinned would always be a sinner. Instead, he took the position that ordinary people become entangled in sin, and should be encouraged to turn their lives back toward God, which is what repentance means.

Our time of reflection:      God, help us to realize that all of us need the opportunity to repent for things we have done, and teach us not to label one another, but to allow for the change that is possible in the human heart.

