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- The lost coin was vital to the woman's _____.

- The son _____ to the father.

You have never looked eyes with another human being who isn't **valuable to God**.

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1. There was something of great value that was missing, something that really mattered.
 - The missing sheep was important to the shepherd because it represented a portion of his livelihood.
 - The lost coin was vital to the woman's survival.
 - The son mattered greatly to the father.

You have never locked eyes with another human being who isn't valuable to God.
2. That which was missing was important enough to warrant an all-out search.

Luke 19:10 CEV The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost."
3. When that which matters and was lost is found, the retrieval results in great celebration.