One Lost Sheep

Matthew 9:36; 10:5-6; 12:11-12; 15:24; 18:12-14; Mark 6:34; Luke 15; John 10:1-30; 2 Peter 3:9



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LEAD-IN: "If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish."

(Matthew 18:12-14, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

God Loves the Lost

Matthew 9:36; 10:5-6; 12:11-12; 15:24; 18:12-14; Mark 6:34; Luke 15; John 10:1-30; 2 Peter 3:9

Jesus doesn't think of sinners as repulsive people to be

avoided

despised, or

condemned.

He thinks of them as

lost sheep,

lost treasure, or

lost children.

They are to be searched for

eagerly,

lovingly,

single-mindedly.

God's love never gives up!

Sinners arouse, not His condemnation, but His compassion. They stir, not His anger, but His love and mercy

When the lost sheep is brought safely back,

rejoice!

When the treasure is found,

celebrate!

When the wayward child comes back home, still in the rags of sin,

run to meet him!

Shower him with hugs and joyful tears!
Welcome him with full and glad acceptance!
One of God's children is alive from the dead!

Let the party begin!

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