

**“Summertime Stories: 1>99”**  
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**Matthew 18:10-14** (NIV 1984)

“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”

**1) Why did Jesus tell this parable of lost sheep?**

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When you find that which is lost it is a **priceless moment**.

This parable displays the beautiful meaning of **God** seeking out the **lost sinner** and **rejoicing** when they are found.

God cares about all of us **equally**.

**Luke 15:7** (NIV 1984)

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

**2) God pursues the lost**

**Psalm 23** (NIV 1984)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my  
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.

**Luke 12:32** (NIV 1984)

"Do not be afraid, little flock....."

The Shepherd must go and find the **one lost sheep**.

Church – we must **be like Jesus**.

**3) God's work is different than man's.**

**Matthew 18:4** (NIV 1984)

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom  
of heaven.

**4) The Shepherd carries the lost.**

**Matthew 11:28-29** (NIV 1984)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take  
my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and  
you will find rest for your soul.

**5) Redemption is for you.**

**Listen to them**

**Love them**

**Lead them**

**Have you been a shepherd that has stepped out in faith?**

Do you remember that “shepherd” who **listened** to you, then **loved** you, then **led** you to Jesus?

**6) Don't let pride get in your way.**

**Proverbs 11:2** (NIV 1984)

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

**Proverbs 16:25** (NIV 1984)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

**Proverbs 16:21** (NIV 1984)

The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction.

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