

Daily Devotion For April 28, 2021

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. What do you think? 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?" Matthew 18:11-12

Monday thru Friday I take a 6 a.m. swimming class at MPC. Last Friday when I left the pool, I left a favorite water bottle from an Ironman race that I did in 2013. On Monday morning, before I left home, I went to fill my water bottle up, and discovered that it wasn't in my backpack. I thought that surely over the weekend, someone would pick it up and take it or throw it away. However, when I got to the class I discovered that it was in the exact same place where I had left it. I thanked God that it was still there.

With a love much deeper than I had for that water bottle, God loves us with a passionate, proactive love that accepts us and receives us, just as we are. Even when we are like sheep who go to crooked or unsafe areas, God reaches out, delivers us from evil, and restores us back into the fold, right back to where we need to be.

Just as I rejoiced when I found my water bottle, so God rejoices over those who are "lost" and find salvation in Christ. Actually, God is the one who finds us.

Thought For Today: How have you felt when you lost something that was special or precious to you? To what lengths would you go through if you lost a piece of jewelry, your wallet, or some important documents?

Today's Prayer Focus: Take time to thank God that He has found you and given to you the precious gift of salvation. Who do you know who is lost and needs to be found by God. Pray for that person today. Continue to pray the updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.