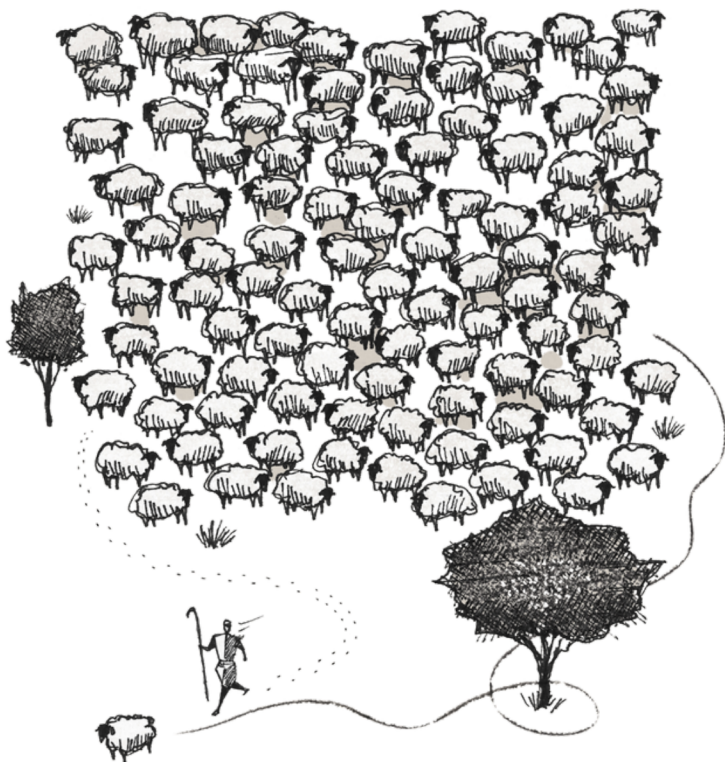


THE ONE

3-DAY DEVOTIONAL



Lessons from The Gospels of God's unfailing pursuit to seek and save the lost.

DAY ONE

READ:

Luke 19:1-10

In this passage, we witness a powerful display of God's love for the lost through the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus, a tax collector who was considered an outcast and sinner. Despite the disdain Zacchaeus faced from the community, Jesus sought him out, recognizing his need for salvation and a restored relationship with God. By inviting Himself to Zacchaeus' house, Jesus demonstrated His unconditional love and desire to redeem the lost. Through this passage, we see that God's love transcends societal judgments and embraces those deemed unworthy, offering all the opportunity for transformation and reconciliation. It serves as a powerful reminder that no one is beyond the reach of God's love, and He actively seeks out the lost, desiring to save and restore them to Himself.

REFLECT:

- How does it feel to know that God actively seeks out those who are lost?
- Have you ever experienced a time when you felt lost? How did God's love bring you back?
- In what ways can you share God's love with those who are lost around you?

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your incredible love for those who are lost. Open my heart to truly understand and experience this love. Help me to be a vessel of Your love to those who are searching for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY TWO

READ:

Matthew 10:29-31

This passage explores God's value of the individual life by emphasizing His meticulous care and attention to even the smallest details. Jesus uses the illustration of sparrows, which were considered of little value in that culture, to highlight God's deep concern. He assures his disciples that not a single sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. In emphasizing the extent of God's care, Jesus then goes further, affirming that even the very hairs on their heads are numbered. This passage reveals the intimate knowledge God has of each person, illustrating His profound love and investment in the well-being and worth of every individual.

REFLECT:

- How does knowing that God cares for even the smallest details of your life impact your understanding of your worth?
- In what ways do you struggle with recognizing your own value? How can you align your perspective with God's view of you?
- How can you extend this understanding of worth to others, helping them see their value in God's eyes?

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the deep love and care You have for each individual life. Help me to understand and embrace my worth in Your eyes. Show me how to value others as You do, extending love and compassion to everyone I encounter. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY THREE

READ:

Luke 15:4-7

This passage portrays God's deep value for each individual life and His immense love for the lost. Through the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus paints a vivid picture of a shepherd who leaves behind the ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that is lost. This act of seeking the lost sheep demonstrates God's unwavering commitment to pursuing and rescuing those who are separated from Him. The shepherd's joy upon finding the lost sheep reflects God's immense delight when a lost soul is found and restored. This passage reassures us that no matter how lost or insignificant we may feel, God's love for us is unwavering, and He will go to great lengths to bring us back into His loving embrace.

REFLECT:

- How does the parable of the lost sheep illustrate God's love for those who are lost?
- Have you ever experienced the joy of being found by God? What did it feel like?
- How can you actively participate in God's work of seeking and saving the lost, just as the shepherd did in the parable?

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for never giving up on us when we are lost. Thank You for pursuing us with Your unfailing love. Teach me to have a heart like Yours, full of compassion and willingness to seek and save those who are lost. Use me as an instrument of Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, amen.