

Devotion 4: The God Who Comes Looking

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Scripture: *Luke 15:4–5*

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”

Devotion

When a toddler wanders off at the store, who goes looking—the toddler or the parent? The parent, of course! The parent drops everything and searches until that child is found. That’s a picture of our God. Back in Genesis 3, God went walking in the garden calling out to Adam and Eve. He didn’t wait for them to figure things out on their own. Jesus tells this parable to show us that God’s persistent love never stops searching. The shepherd doesn’t say, “Well, that sheep should have known better.” He leaves everything behind and goes after the one who is lost. And when He finds it, He doesn’t scold—He rejoices! During Lent we remember that Jesus Himself is the Good Shepherd who went all the way to the cross to find us. His persistent love is greater than our persistent guilt. He carries us home on His shoulders.

Discussion Questions

1. How does it feel to know God comes looking for you, rather than waiting for you to find Him?
2. Who are the “lost sheep” in your life that you could show God’s love to?
3. Why does the shepherd rejoice instead of scolding the sheep?

Closing Prayer

Good Shepherd, thank You for leaving everything to come find us. Thank You for carrying us when we are too lost and too weak to come to You on our own. Help us to share Your searching love with others. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, reach out to someone you haven’t talked to in a while—a neighbor, a friend, a relative—and let them know you’re thinking of them.