

Search and Rescue

Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

What would you do if you _____ a loved one? You might be willing to do _____ to get them back.

What if you had a loved one _____ by an _____? You would do _____ you could to get them back.

The same is true - perhaps even INFINITELY more true - for _____. He would - he DID - move _____ and earth to save his dearly beloved _____ and taken ones.

God the Father shook the very foundations of _____ and the halls of power on _____ when he sent his even more dearly beloved only-begotten son, Jesus Christ, from the safety and security of his presence and into a dangerous and hostile world to rescue YOU, to rescue ME, to rescue all of his lost _____.

Jesus _____ high and low, preaching, teaching, and reaching _____ who would receive him and his blessings.

Jesus was not deterred by any _____. He was _____ in his efforts to rescue the precious people of this planet.

There is now _____ and _____ in Christ for ALL people!

Jesus has now returned to his throne in heaven, given us his Spirit, and _____ us to join him on this mission to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10) Why don't we???

Not because there aren't lost sheep! Sheep continue to need search and rescue teams because...

There are bad _____ that scatter the flock (Ez 34:1-10)

There are bad _____ that also scatter the flock (Ez 34:11-24)

Sheep are...well, sheep! They are _____...on their own!

We ignore the lost sheep around us because...

We are far more concerned with _____ and our own _____.

We are _____ of rejection, retaliation, ...???

We are too easily _____.

We act like it's someone else's _____.

We tend towards _____ just like the Pharisees and Scribes.

The bottom line? Our lack of missional fervor shows that deep down we have convinced ourselves that the lost are not _____ of the gifts Jesus has freely given _____.

Love him or hate him, Charlie Kirk was right about one thing. If we want to help our country, we need to spread the truth of God's Word and reach as many people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we possibly can... ...no matter what the _____.

Jesus died and his influence grew _____. Charlie Kirk's death will no doubt do the same. Maybe we need some people willing to make similar sacrifices if we truly value what we _____ we do.

What is God saying to you today? _____

How is he helping you see his love for the lost? _____

What are you going to do about it? _____