

LOST
AND
FOUND



MATTHEW 18:12-14

¹² “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? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”

FROM NATIONAL WILDERNESS PARKS

- **STOP**: As soon as you realize you may be lost: stop, stay calm, stay put. Panic is your greatest enemy.
- **THINK**: Go over in your mind how you got to where you are. What landmarks should you be able to see? Do not move at all until you have a specific reason to take a step.

FROM NATIONAL WILDERNESS PARKS

- **OBSERVE**: Get out your compass and determine the directions based on where you are standing. Do not walk aimlessly
- **PLAN**: Based on your thinking and observations, come up with some possible plans, think them through then act on one of them.



STOP!

1 PETER 5:8

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



THINK

FROM NATIONAL WILDERNESS PARKS

- It says to go over in your mind how you got to where you are now, to your lost state. Try to possibly pin point some “land marks” that you have passed along the way

LAND MARKS

- When I was involved in the church my life was so much easier.....
- When I was reading my bible daily I could feel or hear God more.....
- When I have praise and worship music on in the car or the house, I don't feel so alone....

MATTHEW 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The background is a blurred photograph of a person standing in a room. The person is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. The room has wooden paneling on the walls and floor. The word "OBSERVE" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow capital letters.

OBSERVE

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LUKE 15:11-24

The Parable of the lost Son

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

LUKE 15:11-24 CONT.

¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

LUKE 15:11-24

¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

LUKE 15:11-24

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

STOP, THINK, OBSERVE

Luke 15: 17-19

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LUKE 15: 20

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LUKE 15:20-21

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LUKE 15:22-24

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PSALM 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you



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- Based on your thinking and observations, come up with some possible plans, think them through then act on one of them.

PSALM 23:1-4


¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

³ He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



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A stack of three light-colored wooden blocks is positioned on the left side of the frame. The top block is slightly offset to the right, revealing the block underneath. The middle block is also offset to the right. The bottom block is the most visible and has the word 'FOUND' printed on it. The words 'LOST' and 'AND' are printed on the top and middle blocks respectively. The text is in a bold, black, serif font. In the background, there is a faint, stylized illustration of several people standing in a line, rendered in a light, sketchy style. The background is a soft-focus indoor scene with warm lighting.