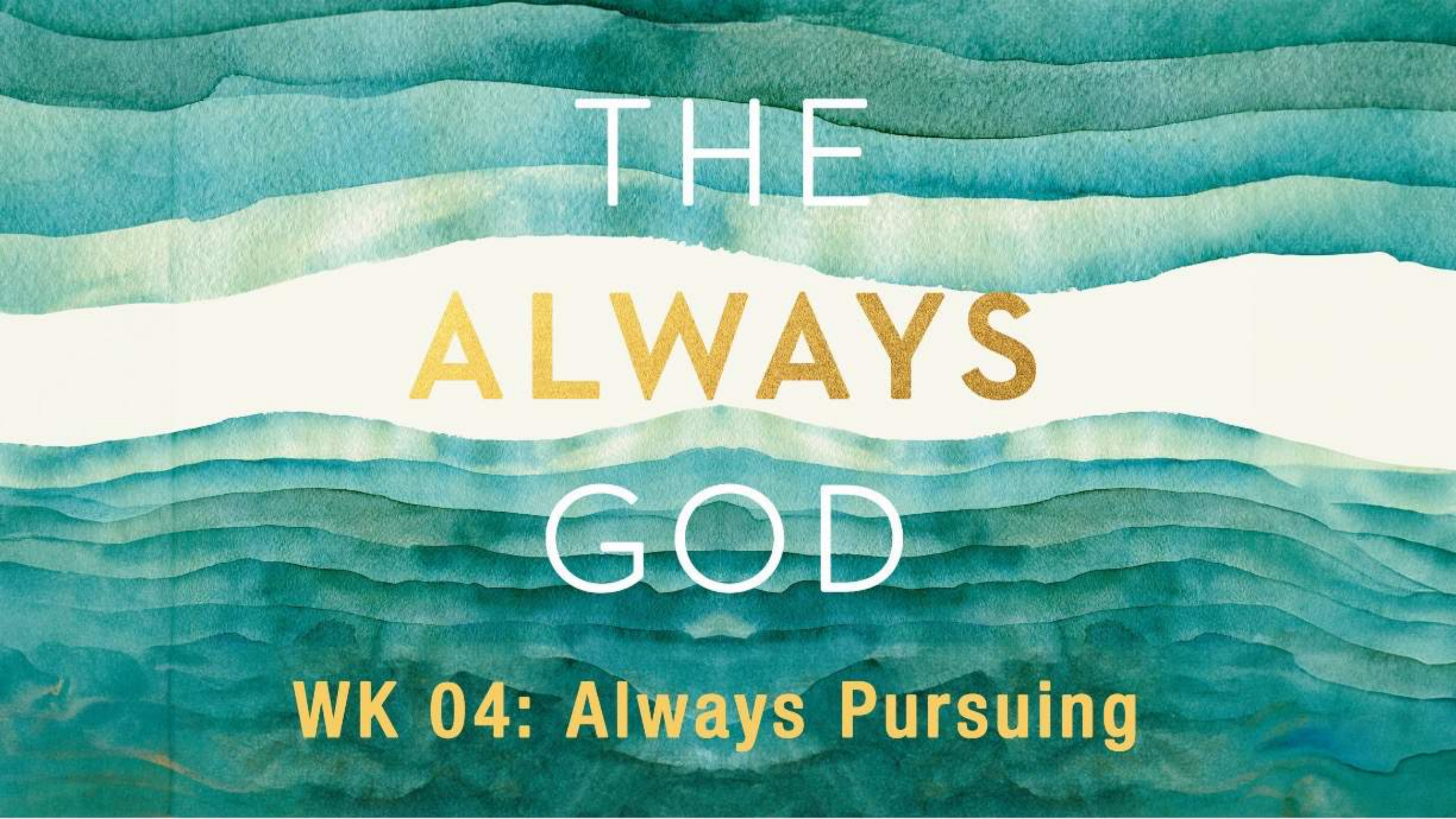




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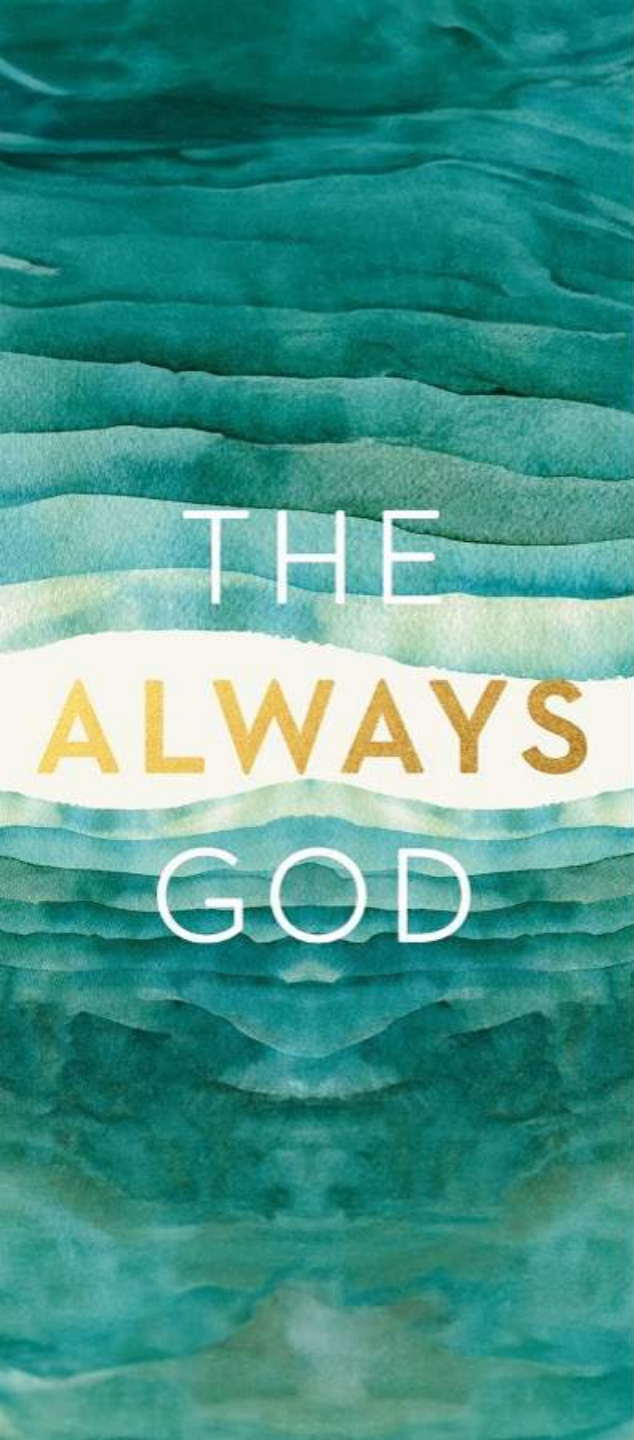


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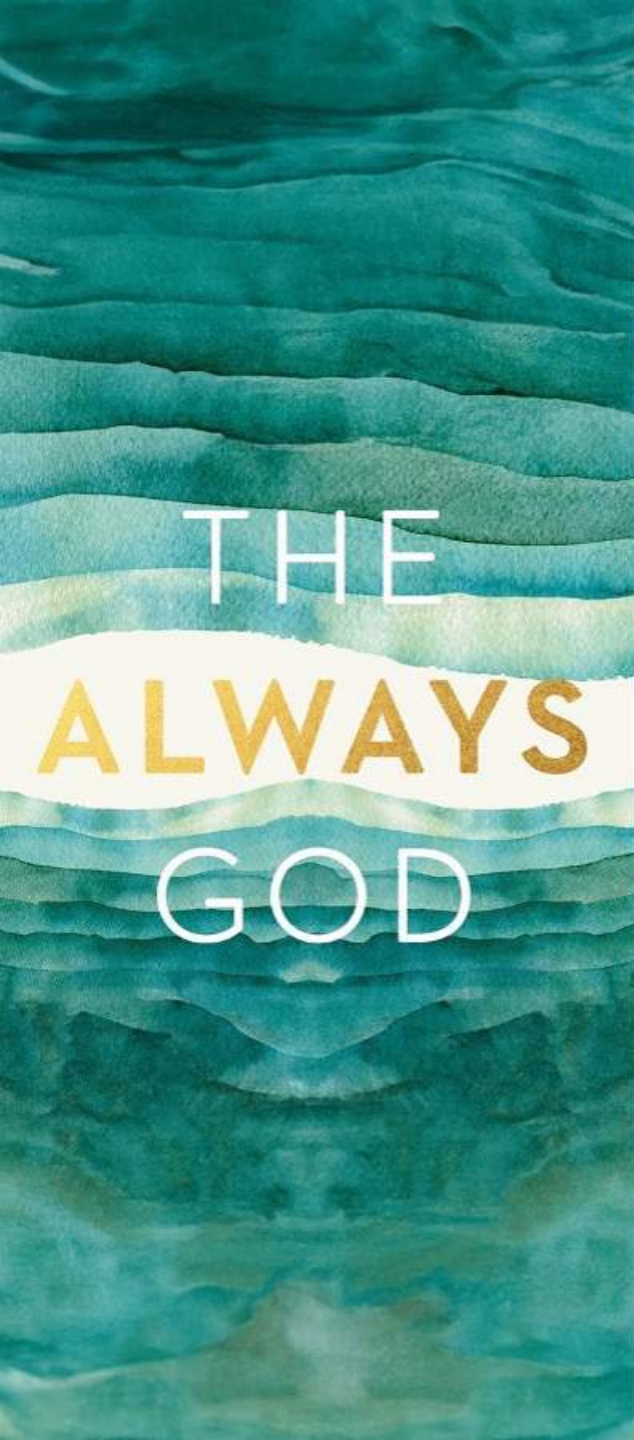
GOD PURSUES THE LOST





Lost things...

- Majority found within a mile
- Avg person spends 2.5 DAYS a year looking for lost things
- Cost Americans over \$2.7 billion annually to replace lost items



lost

- “the state of being ruined.”
- “utterly destroyed; totally decimated”

**THOSE WHO DON'T
KNOW JESUS ARE
“LOST”**

Romans 8:7 (NLT) — “For the sinful nature is always **hostile to God**. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will.”

Ephesians 2:12 (ESV) — “remember that you were at that time **separated from Christ**, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God in the world.**”

Colossians 1:13 (NLT) — “For **he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness** and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son...”

GOD PURSUES THE LOST



Luke 15:1–3 (NLT) — “Tax collectors and **other notorious sinners** often came to listen to Jesus teach. **2** This made the **Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain** that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! **3** So Jesus told them this story”

The Parables of Lost Things



SHEEP



COIN



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Luke 15:4–7 (NLT) — “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ **7 In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”**

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT) — “All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.”

“The Good Shepherd”



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Luke 15:8–10 (NLT) — “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘**Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.**’ **10** In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

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“The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. **17** “**When he finally came to his senses**, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, **19** and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.” ’ **20** “So he

Luke 15:16-24 (NLT)

returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. **21** His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' **22** "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. **23** And kill the calf we

Luke 15:16-24 (NLT)


have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, **24** for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' **So the party began.**"

Luke 15:16-24 (NLT)



GOD PURSUES THE ONE THAT IS LOST





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The Value of ONE

Luke 15:4,7 (NLT) – “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?... ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over **one sinner** who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:8-10 – “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if **she loses one coin**, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found **the coin** that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

A black and white photograph of a rugged coastline. The foreground shows waves crashing against dark, jagged rocks. To the right, a steep, dark cliffside rises, partially obscured by the text. The background features a hazy, layered mountain range under a bright, overcast sky. The overall mood is dramatic and powerful.

THE VALUE OF ONE

Luke 19:10 (NLT) — “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Romans 5:8 (NLT) — “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Psalm 139:16–18 (NLT) — “You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. **17** How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! **18** I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!”



**Francis
Thompson**

1859-1906



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