

## August 28

**Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)** <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

When I went to get the keys to the car, I could not find them where I thought I had left them. We had another set, so I grabbed them and went on my way. I continued to look for the lost set, but, because we had the extra set, my search was sporadic. It would have been nice to have found them, but we could get along without them. However, when I lost the case with my driver's license, credit cards, and money, I looked everywhere, and I looked constantly. I searched in every room in the house, under every chair and bed, and in the yard. I visited places I had visited and asked people to be looking for the lost items. I prayed, asking the Lord to reveal its hiding place. My search did for those lost items did not end until I found them.

God tells us that we will find Him when we search for Him with ALL our hearts. "All" means "the totality of any object, the whole, completely, always." Paul echoes God's words when he tells us that God rewards those who EARNESTLY seek Him. "Earnestly" means "to search diligently, demand, make careful searches." For a long time, I searched for Jesus as I had searched for those lost keys. I knew it would be nice to "find" Him, but I felt I could get by on my own. My result was the same. I lived my life without Him as I felt I could get along without Him. This is probably true for most of us. We may know He is missing from our lives, but, if we search for Him half-heartedly, we will not find Him, nor will we be able to please Him. We are living in tumultuous times. Every hour brings more distressing news in a world lost in its own wisdom. We will never find the answers in the world. We will find Jesus when we realize that He is not one of the answers but THE answer. When we search for Him as I searched for my lost license and credit cards, then we will find Him. Jesus must become our only option, not one of many. When we EARNESTLY search for Him with ALL our hearts, we will find Him. We will also discover that He was never lost; we were. When we understand that, we find peace, forgiveness, comfort, and direction.