

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan
September 18, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 09-18-2022
In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
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Psalms 100:1-3 NLT
<small>1</small> Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! <small>2</small> Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. <small>3</small> Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
<https://bible.com/bible/116/psa.100.1-3.NLT>

Luke 15:1-7 NLT
<small>1</small> Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <small>2</small> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful peopleâ€”even eating with them! <small>3</small> So Jesus told them this story: <small>4</small> â€œIf a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Wonâ€™t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? <small>5</small> And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. <small>6</small> When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, â€˜Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.â€™ <small>7</small> 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 havenâ€™t strayed away!
<https://bible.com/bible/116/luk.15.1-7.NLT>

John 10:6-18 NLT

<small>6</small> Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didnâ€™t understand what he meant, <small>7</small> so he explained it to them: â€œI tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <small>8</small> All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <small>9</small> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <small>10</small> The thiefâ€™s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. <small>11</small> â€œI am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. <small>12</small> A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they donâ€™t belong to him and he isnâ€™t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. <small>13</small> The hired hand runs away because heâ€™s working only for the money and doesnâ€™t really care about the sheep. <small>14</small> â€œI am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, <small>15</small> just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. <small>16</small> I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd. <small>17</small> â€œThe Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. <small>18</small> No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.â€œ

<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.10.6-18.NLT>

Matthew 18:12-14 NIV

<small>12</small> â€œWhat 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? <small>13</small> 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. <small>14</small> In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.18.12-14.NIV>

Ezekiel 34:11-24 NLT

<small>11</small> â€œFor this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search and find my sheep. <small>12</small> I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. <small>13</small> I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. <small><font

color="#999999">14</small> Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. <small>15</small> I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord. <small>16</small> I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yesâ€"feed them justice! <small>17</small> â€œAnd as for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says to his people: I will judge between one animal of the flock and another, separating the sheep from the goats. <small>18</small> Isnâ€™t it enough for you to keep the best of the pastures for yourselves? Must you also trample down the rest? Isnâ€™t it enough for you to drink clear water for yourselves? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? <small>19</small> Why must my flock eat what you have trampled down and drink water you have fouled? <small>20</small> â€œTherefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will surely judge between the fat sheep and the scrawny sheep. <small>21</small> For you fat sheep pushed and butted and crowded my sick and hungry flock until you scattered them to distant lands. <small>22</small> So I will rescue my flock, and they will no longer be abused. I will judge between one animal of the flock and another. <small>23</small> And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them. <small>24</small> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among my people. I, the Lord, have spoken!

<https://bible.com/bible/116/ezk.34.11-24.NLT>

Luke 19:10 NET

<small>10</small> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.â€" <https://bible.com/bible/107/luk.19.10.NET>

Sermon in a Sentence:

You will find Jesus when you seek the lost one.

Pray and seek.

Pray for me as I seek to build relationships with people outside our congregation. Ask Holy Spirit to love them through me.

Pray for each other as you seek to build relationships with people outside our congregation. Ask Holy Spirit to love them through you.