

A Message from The Pastor



Have you ever lost something and found it after long and frantic searching? We have all lost things, some trivial and others important. We can feel annoyed if it is something small, the pen we were just using, for example. We can get a terrible sick feeling if it is something important, like an important document or our wallet. If we do find the important something we were looking for, then we can be hugely relieved and rejoice. It reminds me of the stories of the woman who swept her house looking for a lost coin and the shepherd looking for a lost sheep.

When they found what they were looking for, they rejoiced and asked their friends to rejoice with them. Jesus follows those parables with the story of the prodigal son, the son who was lost and was found, the son whose father rejoiced and hosted a party to welcome him. Have you ever felt like a lost coin or a lost sheep or a lost child? We may not have felt as lost and alone as the prodigal son, but we probably have all felt lost at times. We may have felt as though we weren't sure what direction to take. We may have felt alone and without the support we needed. Do you remember the meaning of those stories of lost things being found? God is the woman and the shepherd and the father. God never stops seeking us out to gather us into a loving embrace. Whether we are a "coin" who was lost perhaps through no fault of our own, or whether we are a "sheep" who wandered away in search of something we thought was better, or whether we are a child who made bad choices, we are never, ever out of God's reach. God will always find us and gather us home; we have only to be open to being found. God's love is generous, abundant, limitless. God will gather us up like a lost coin. God will lift us up and carry us like a lost sheep. God will run to us and embrace us like a lost child. We only have to ask.

Blessings,

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