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The Lost Sheep

This week Pastor Ken finished his series called *Keeping Your Song in Testing Times*. We looked together at Psalm 23 and this weekend a story found in Luke 15. It was about how to keep calm and sing in the middle of the pressures of life. We hope that you were able to gather with your family or went through these points alone and had a positive experience.

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep. Luke 15:4-6

1. The reason Jesus came to earth is because God is seeking after us (read Luke 19:10).
2. There is a God who values you so much, that just like the shepherd in this story who left the 99 sheep to look for the one sheep that is missing, God is looking for you. Maybe that seems reckless to you but that is how much you matter to Him. According to Jesus there is a God who made you and cares about you and looks for you until He finds you and then throws a party on your behalf no matter how messed up you may be.
3. There are many ways we become lost and one of the ways is to drift (read Hebrews 2:1). One of the main things that cause us to drift is busyness or always being in a hurry. What are some things that you can do to slow down enough to read your Bible and spend time with other Christians?
4. If for some reason you lost that sense of closeness with God, you can get reconnected with The Shepherd who is always able to find you (read Ezekiel 34:11). Reach out to Him today. If you have never gotten connected to God, today would be a good day to do that. Just call out to Him today and surrender your life to Him. He is waiting to get connected to you.

Close in prayer