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Psalm 119:176

“I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek Your servant; for I do not forget Your commandments.” Psalm 119:176

For a small child, being lost can be terrifying. For an adult, becoming lost may bring to the surface emotions of both chagrin and panic! “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:21) Yes, we have “all like sheep, gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way...” But thanks be to God it doesn’t end there! The Good Shepherd has sought us out and rescued us from our own sin and rebellion. (Luke 15:4 – 7). “... and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6).

Men – it is said – do not like to ask for directions. The humorous story tells us the children of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years all because Moses refused to stop and ask for directions! We may laugh – only because it is so true of the pride of men – but it is the first step to receiving help when we recognize our need and then, to stop, and ask for help!

“I have gone astray just like a lost sheep! Help me Lord, I’m lost! I’ve rebelled! I’ve sinned against You!” The plea for God to seek you out and restore you is a sure indicator He has already found you and is simply awaiting your cry!

Men most surely lose things! Never forget the parable of the lost sheep and the Good Shepherd is about our being lost – not about the Shepherd losing track of us!

“LORD, help me, I’m lost! Set me on track, Your track. Your Word has convicted my heart and its light has revealed my lostness!”

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