

Verse of the Month Devotional

August

*How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray,
doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains,
and seeketh that which is gone astray?*

Matthew 18:12 KJV

Thoughts on the verse:

Several years ago I ordered my very first t-shirt online and it read, "He left the 99 to rescue me." Looking back now, it planted a seed in my heart to create beautiful shirts that remind us who we are in Christ. I wore that shirt all through our foster care days, reminding myself the price that Jesus paid for even the lowest of lives and ugliest of sinners. And honestly, some of the things I saw in MY heart during that time reminded me very clearly that I was the chief of them all. Through it all, He saw me through and today I raise a victory cry to you all that it IS worth it, and it IS the will of God, and it IS the work of God to sometimes do the crazy thing that doesn't make sense and go after that one lost soul. If you look through the world's eyes, we gave up so much and endured such heartache for children that had nothing to do with us. But God says if we are to be like Him and live like the Good Shepherd, we MUST go after the ones who are lost and alone and have gone astray. When we do that, we can KNOW He will move on our behalf.

Prayer:

Father, I THANK YOU that You use the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and that MIRACLES are activated as we obey your Word and Your example. Lord, help us to see that You LOVE the one that is lost and astray, and give us the courage to leave the ninety-nine and find that one... that one that You gave Your life for, just like You did for me.

Action:

This month I will reach out to a lost soul, or one that has gone astray, and I will commit to praying for them each day and reaching out to them as I see how best to show them I care. I will not be afraid of the big, scary things God may show me I need to do for one of His lost and lonely lives, and I will not shush the Still, Small Voice and the seemingly small things I may think to do, either.

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