

Found by God

Many times, we can feel alone – even in the midst of being with people we love. And when our heart feels like no one sees the “real” me, then the heart will cry out to be found.

If you’re looking to be found, then you feel lost. This lost feeling can imply many things. Lost in purpose. Lost in direction. Lost in knowing who you are. Lost in the maze of your mind, and more. But for whatever the reason, know that God has plans turn your lost feelings into belonging. Being found in God is where the lost feeling meets healing in your soul. God wants you to know that “You are more than you think you are!” You are so important to Him that even when you *feel* lost, He goes looking for you. He wants to find you!

You see, Jesus never leaves His little lambs. They may wander off or get lost. But when that happens, He goes looking for them. Lambs are precious to Him and He loves to carry them upon His shoulders. God is always looking at you and thinking of you – and He says that you are found of Him. Luke 15:3-6 says, *“So Jesus told them this parable: ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them---what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, ‘I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!’”*

Like you, there were times that I have felt lost, although I knew Jesus, and knew that He was with me. Yet the prevailing lost feeling was there. So how did I overcome it? I began to recite the Word of God that told me that “He would never leave me nor forsake me.” I would remind myself that I am “Found by God” so there’s no way I could truly be lost. When I am lost in direction, I tell myself that its Jesus’ voice is what I follow and so eventually I will know where I’m going because Jesus will lead me there.

We may think that the Biblical characters always knew where they were going and never felt lost. But they were humans, and they also had to find their way during the maze of life. Mighty men and women of our day who accomplished great things for God also had to learn how to move from feeling lost to knowing that they were found. I am convinced that God wants you to know that you are “founded by Him.”

Dear Jesus,

I pray for the ones who are feeling lost that they will begin encouraging themselves with your Word. When they feel lost, remind them that they are in you, and are already found. I pray that they will seek you and seek your will for their life’s purpose. Others may not see the “real” person yet, but God, you always do. You have created them in your image and in your likeness. You know who they are – even if they don’t yet.

Jesus, when they feel alone, comfort them. When they feel afraid, cause them to feel your love until their fear is gone. When they feel rejected and refused, cause them to remember that their names are written upon the palms of your hands. May they remember that they are in you, and you are in them. May they clearly hear your voice and know that you are always with them. Bring them into your presence until they feel that the real them is purposed by you. You will always lead them in the right direction – and for sure, You will make their purpose known. May they know you are thinking about them all the time and you will answer them when they call. You are the One who founded them, and you love them with all your heart. Yes, and Amen!!

... God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never run away from you." So we can feel sure and say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid..."
Hebrews 13:5-6 (ERV)

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