

MISSING

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ACTION



## **Matthew 18:12-14**

**12 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?**

**13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.**

**14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.**

# **I. Observe Your Environment**

## **A. Pay attention**

**Ephesians 5:15**

**See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,**

**1. Open your eyes**

**2. *Look* around**

**3. Think about what you see,**

**or not see**

# I. Observe Your Environment



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## **B. Get out of your little world**

### **Philippians 2:3-4**

**3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

**4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

- 1. Requires you to change your mind**

- 2. Requires you to change your perspective**

## **II. Search And Rescue**

### **A. Whatever it takes**

#### **1. “True” love is the key**

**John 21:15-17**

**15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**

**16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

## **II. Search And Rescue**

### **A. Whatever it takes**

#### **1. “True” love is the key**

**John 21:15-17 - continued**

**17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.**

## **II. Search And Rescue**

### **A. Whatever it takes**

#### **2. Go where they are**

**Matthew 11:19**

**The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.**

**And keep on doing it**

## **II. Search And Rescue**

### **A. Whatever it takes**

#### **3. Time is of the essence**

##### **John 9:4**

**I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

##### **Colossians 4:5**

**Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.**

## **II. Search And Rescue**

**B. It will take personal effort**

**2 Corinthians 11:28-28**

**27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.**

**28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.**

# **III. Restore People**

## **A. Forget about yesterday**

### **Galatians 6:1-2**

**1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.**

**2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**

**Restore = Return to original condition**

# **III. Restore People**

## **B. It's our ministry**

### **2 Corinthians 5:18**

**And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

- 1. Jesus restores man to his original state with God**
- 2. We should endeavor to restore those missing to original fellowship**

**You will not find that which  
is missing unless you look**



# Yield Not To Temptation

**Yield not to temptation,  
For yielding is sin;  
Each vict'ry will help you,  
Some other to win;**

**Fight valiantly onward,  
Evil passions subdue;  
Look ever to Jesus,  
He will carry you through.**

**Ask the Savior to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.**

**Shun evil companions,  
Bad language disdain;  
God's name hold in rev'rence,  
Nor take it in vain;**

**Be thoughtful and earnest,  
Kindhearted and true;  
Look ever to Jesus,  
He will carry you through.**

**Ask the Savior to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you,  
He will carry you through.**

**To him that o'ercometh,  
God giveth a crown;  
Through faith we will conquer,  
Though often cast down;**

**He who is our Savior,  
Our strength will renew;  
Look ever to Jesus,  
He will carry you through.**

**Ask the Savior to help you,  
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;  
He is willing to aid you,  
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