

EMMANUEL NOTES

Relentless Pursuit 2.0

Week 1– Distress

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Have you ever misplaced something valuable?

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to him. And the Pharisees and scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

- Luke 15:1-2

- The lost sheep. Luke 15:3-7
- The lost coin. Luke 15:8-10
- The lost son. Luke 15:11-32

"When something valuable is lost, it becomes the focus of your attention, not the things that are secured."

For God, people are the valuable possession that has been lost.

The son of man came to seek and to save those who are lost.
- Luke 19:10

What is the driving motive of our focus?

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly **distressed** to see that the city was full of idols. - Acts 17:16

WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

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Are you distressed?

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