

THAT NOTHING BE LOST

JOHN 6

Text: John 6:12

(John 6:12) "When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."

Introduction:

Jesus had just finished performing the greatest of all His public miracles. And then at the close of this story Jesus makes an impressive statement, "Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost."

Lost is a sad word. It signifies tragedy and loss. The word loss is used 33 times in the Bible; 17 times in the Old Testament and 16 times in the new.

There are a lot today that are lost, and we need to make the same effort the shepherd made in seeking the lost sheep.

(Luke 15:3-10) "And he spake this parable unto them, saying, {4} What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? {5} And when he hath found it, he

layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. {6} And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. {7} I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. {8} Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? {9} And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. {10} Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Notice great effort was made in finding the lost sheep.

Notice it was only one.

Notice the rejoicing over just one sheep being found.

We too need to make great efforts in finding the lost, even if it is only one, and remember how important it is and how excited Heaven gets over one sinner being found.

However there are not only a lot of lost people today, but there are a lot of Christians today that have lost

some things just like several examples found in the Bible.

Notice:

1. LOT (GEN. 13:8-12)

(Genesis 13:8-12) "And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. {9} Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. {10} And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. {11} Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. {12} Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom."

(Genesis 19:1-16) "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; {2} And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your

feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. {3} And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. {4} But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: {5} And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. {6} And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, {7} And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. {8} Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. {9} And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. {10} But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. {11} And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. {12} And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast

in the city, bring them out of this place: {13} For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. {14} And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. {15} And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. {16} And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city."

A. Lot looked

B. Lot lived

C. Lot lingered

D. Lot lost

1. Lost all his earthly goods.

2. Lost all his friends.

3. Lost most of his family.

2. DAVID (PSALM 51:12)

(Psalms 51:12) "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

(2 Samuel 11) "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. {2} And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. {3} And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? {4} And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. {5} And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. {6} And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. {7} And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. {8} And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. {9} But Uriah slept at the door of the king's

house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. {10} And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? {11} And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. {12} And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. {13} And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. {14} And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. {15} And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. {16} And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. {17} And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. {18} Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; {19} And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the

matters of the war unto the king, {20} And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? {21} Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. {22} So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. {23} And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. {24} And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. {25} Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. {26} And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. {27} And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

- A. David saw
- B. David sought
- C. David sinned
- D. David lost

- 1. Lost his child
- 2. Lost his family
- 3. Lost the opportunity to build the temple
- 4. Lost the joy of his salvation.

3. THOMAS (JOHN 20:19-29)

(John 20:19-29) "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. {20} And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. {21} Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. {22} And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: {23}

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. {24} But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. {25} The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. {26} And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. {27} Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. {28} And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. {29} Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

A. Thomas ducked out

B. Thomas doubted

C. Thomas lost

1. Assurance

4. PETER (MARK 14:53-72)

(Mark 14:53-72) "And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. {54} And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. {55} And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. {56} For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. {57} And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, {58} We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. {59} But neither so did their witness agree together. {60} And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? {61} But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? {62} And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. {63} Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? {64} Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. {65} And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the

servants did strike him with the palms of their hands. {66} And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: {67} And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. {68} But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. {69} And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. {70} And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto. {71} But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. {72} And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept."

- A. Went to the wrong place
- B. Was among the wrong crowd
- C. Responded the wrong way.
- D. Resulted in weeping
- E. Peter lost

1. His courage

Illustration: (From pulling a sword to denying the Saviour)

2. His testimony

5. CHRISTIANS (REV. 3:11)

(Revelation 3:11) "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

(1 Corinthians 3:8) "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

(Revelation 22:12) "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Close: God help us "That nothing be lost."