

Daily Reflections

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The Divine Intervention

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Scripture

Matthew 18:12-14

Jesus said to his disciples:

"What is your opinion?

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray?

And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.

In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

Our Scripture Reflection

What was their opinion of Jesus's example of the shepherd and lost sheep? They would have thought He was absurd! Why would a prudent and logical minded shepherd leave ninety-nine safe sheep to go after one stray sheep? It made no sense! But Jesus knew well the thinking of His Father as written in Isaiah 55: 8-9 "My thoughts are not your thoughts; my ways are not your ways." God does not think like us, thank God! He is willing to do whatever

must be done to seek and save His strays. What a wonderful thought about this Advent season: Baby Jesus is coming to rescue you!

Food for your Journey

Apropos sheep getting lost: Memorable quote from *Coyote Ugly* (2000): Violet: "I'm not lost. Somebody just moved my street."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to realize that whenever I mess things up in this life, You are there to rescue me and love me. Amen.