

Praying through the week 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
The Parable of the Lost Coin....Luke 15:8-10



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- ✚ Perhaps as a human treasured loved one of God, feeling temporarily “lost” from His sight and love for some imagined reason? **Take heart...we know that even when we feel lost, God “lights the lamp of His love even more brightly in searching for us” (v8) When have you sensed a moment of God’s seeking for you?**
- ✚ Perhaps we don’t feel worth “searching for?” **Take heart...look again at the care the woman takes in lighting a lamp, sweeping the house - all to find her small lost coin. In the same way, we are each important to God, however “small , lost and hidden” we may feel. Perhaps reflect now on a moment when you have felt God’s deep love for you as He finds you.**
- ✚ Think about something you have searched frantically for - and your joy when you have found it...**Perhaps reflect on the “joy of sharing joy” - in our own lives and the life of the church.**

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