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Together We Rise – week 5

1 Peter 2:4-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. – 1 Peter 2:9

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. - Luke 15:1-7

When you seek me with all your heart I will be found by you." – Jeremiah 29:13,14

He who seeks finds... - Matthew 7:8

The truth about us is, that we are not just seekers, we are also H_____

Where do people hide from God?

Why do people hide from God?

If you really knew who God was, you would realize 2 things;

1. You C_____ hide from God
2. You don't really W_____ to hide from God

The Lost S_____

You M_____ To God

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You will never locked eyes with anyone who does not matter to God... – Bill Hybels

The Lost C_____

You Are V_____ To God

Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Lk 15:8-10

Do you feel valuable? yes/no

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him for this purpose long before the world began, but now in these final days, he was sent to the earth for all to see. And he did this for you. – 1 Peter 1:18-20

The Lost S_____

Ollie Ollie Oxen F_____!

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. Lk 15:11,12

Luke 15:14-16

Luke 15:20-24

What does God want you to do with this message?

- Stop H_____
- Start W_____ Across R_____

What if you knew that by simply crossing a room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person's forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. Understand it has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. The stakes are high. The implications eternal. And the amazing thing is you may only be a conversation away from having an eternal impact of someone's life – if you would just walk across a room..

Bill Hybels

What rooms will 'you' walk across this week?