

Life Church
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Primary Scripture Passages:

Matthew 18:10-14 New International Version (NIV)

The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. **[11]** [a]

12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? **13** And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. **14** In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Footnotes:

Matthew 18:11 Some manuscripts include here the words of Luke 19:10.

Ezekiel 34:17-22 New International Version (NIV)

17 ““As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. **18** Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? **19** Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

20 ““Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, **22** I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.

1 Timothy 4:12

Luke 18:9-14

Genesis 16:3-5

Proverbs 14:21

Philippians 2:3-4

John 10:11-13

Matthew 7:15