

ALL IS NOT LOST

All Is Not Lost Series: Sermon #4

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There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot, from that situation, create something that is surpassingly good. He did it at the creation. He did it at the cross. He is doing it today. --Bishop Moule

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10 (NAS)

When All Seems Lost...

1. God Gives Me Reason To _____.

In those days you were living apart from Christ...You lived in this world without God and without hope. Ephesians 2:12 (NLT)

What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? Luke 15:4 (NAS)

2. God Gives Grace For My _____.

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:3-5 (NIV)

So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹"The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." Luke 15:20, 21 (NIV)

3. God Gives Strength To _____.

Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9a (NIV)

A key word in these stories is "_____".

There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. Clare Boothe Luce

Things To Do When I'm At A Loss

A. _____ On What I _____.

Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

Luke 15:8 (NAS)

Don't Let What I _____ Do, Or What I _____ Or _____ Do, Or What _____ Have Done Or Are Doing, _____ Me From Doing What I _____ Do.

B. Pray For _____.

Note: The Father dealt with his two sons according to their needs.

The father used wisdom with his younger son by...

- **Letting him** _____. (vs. 12,13)
- **Letting him make his own** _____. (vs. 13,14)
- **Letting him experience the** _____. (vs. 14-19)
- **Loving him** _____. (vs. 22-24)

The father used wisdom with his older son by...

- **Going** _____ **him**. (vs. 28)
- **Affirming his** _____ **and** _____. (vs. 31)
- **Not confusing acceptance with** _____. (vs. 32)
- **Loving him** _____. (vs. 31)

C. Hang On To _____.

...but while he was still a long way off, his father saw him...vs. 20

H_____ **to God**. Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. Psalm 62:5 (NIV)

O_____ **up to others**. II Corinthians 1:3-5

P_____ **to** _____. Luke 15:22, 23

E_____ **God's** _____ **to others**.

Mark 6:34; II Corinthians 1:3; Romans 15:7