

Lost Purses

2020-08-28 Devotional

By Pastor Sharon Tidd

A few years back I lost my purse. It held my wallet with all my ID and my keys ... things that are kind of important to life. So I was a little frantic and went on a diligent search. Believing that the last place I had it was at home, I checked every nook and cranny, I checked behind shelves and in drawers, I even checked in the fridge and freezer. That last part probably sounds crazy but I had no idea where I could have put it and wasn't prepared to stop looking until I had looked absolutely everywhere.

My best friend called me and named every possible space in the house where it could be, and so I double-checked where I had checked before, to assure her that I hadn't been haphazard in my search.

Finally, I admitted that the purse was good and gone. And when I finally stopped my frantic search and sat down and thought through my actions of the day before, I realized I had left it sitting outside while unloading my vehicle, and came to the conclusion that it had been stolen.

Searching further would be futile ... the purse and its contents would not be found again.

As I reflected on that experience, I was reminded of the truth that God is not like my stolen purse. And I am grateful for that. There is never anything futile about a sincere search for God. He is ready to be found by anyone who seeks Him. He's always only a prayer away.

God lovingly waits for us to seek Him. He doesn't push His presence or His will on our lives. Seeking and finding Him lies completely within our control. And when we do choose to embark on that search it will not be in vain. We are assured of a positive outcome. God will be found by us!

Deuteronomy 4:29 provides this promise to us:

If you seek the LORD your God you will find him, if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

And Matthew 7:7 says,

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

I hope that you are choosing to seek and find Him.

As to my stolen purse, I managed to report everything lost and got new ID very quickly ... and another friend, having heard the story, bought me a new purse and a new wallet. I am blessed beyond measure!