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Something of great value
has gone missing

- Being lost is not about faith

but separation, alienation & fractured-ness in relationships

- from God
- from others
- from ourselves

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- The “lost” are valuable because
 - All people are made in the image of God
 - God is Just and will not deny his own character

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In fact the “lost” are so valuable other things are put aside to search

- Clearly to God, the Lost have priority
 - Most precious: God’s children
 - Ultimate priority: the lost

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- Raises the question:

If this is God's priority, is it ours?

- Action reflects true attitudes
- How are we spending our time?
- Who are we relating with?

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And when that which is lost is found
retrieval bring rejoicing

- Rejoicing says
‘I must matter a whole lot more than I thought!’
- Rejoicing follows an experience of safety and love - being overwhelmed by love

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- “Scattered-ness”

in a searching context gives meaning to celebration in “gathered-ness”

– Answers the question

“Why are some not experiencing power & joy?”

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So what about for us?

- Are you feeling lost this morning?
- Are “the lost” your priority?
 - What furniture in your life needs to be rearranged?
 - When will you start?
- Need help to sort these things through?
 - Let’s pray together

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