

## Revealing Words Bible Study "Lost & Found"

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The sun had long dipped below the horizon, leaving behind a sky smeared with fading streaks of orange and purple. The air was thick with silence, broken only by the crunch of gravel beneath the tires of a lone car winding down a forgotten country road. The driver, a young man named Caleb, had been traveling for hours—searching for something he couldn't quite name. He wasn't just lost geographically; he was lost in life.

No road signs. No familiar landmarks. Just endless stretches of trees and shadows. His phone had died hours ago, and with it, his GPS. He had no map, no signal, and no clue where he was. Anxiety began to creep in like fog on a windshield.

Then, with a sputter and a final gasp, the car gave out.

Caleb coasted to a stop in front of a rusted iron gate. He stepped out and looked up. The gate was the entrance to an old cemetery. Rows of headstones stretched into the darkness, each one a silent witness to lives once lived. The irony hit him hard: he was desperate for direction, and the only "people" around were long gone.

He laughed bitterly. "Great. I'm lost, and the only ones I can ask are dead."

He sat on the hood of his car, staring into the stillness. The weight of his life pressed down—failed relationships, broken dreams, questions without answers. He had tried everything: self-help books, motivational podcasts, advice from friends, even chasing success. But none of it had led him anywhere. Just like this road, it all ended in silence.

Then, in the quiet of that moment, a memory stirred. A verse his grandmother used to quote: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - *John* 14:6

Caleb whispered it aloud. It felt like a whisper back from eternity.

He realized something profound: all the voices he had followed—famous thinkers, influencers, even his own instincts—were like those headstones in the cemetery. Dead ends. None of them could lead him home. But there was One whose grave was empty. One who didn't just live and die, but rose again. Jesus.

Suddenly, the cemetery wasn't just a place of death—it was a symbol of contrast. Caleb had spent his life asking the wrong voices for direction. But now, he saw clearly: the only voice worth following was the Jesus who defeated death.

Jesus didn't just offer advice—He offered life. He didn't just point the way—He *is* the way. And unlike every other leader, prophet, or philosopher, He's alive. His tomb is empty. His promises are eternal.

Caleb bowed his head. "Jesus... I'm lost. I need You to lead me."

In that moment, he didn't need GPS. He had grace. He didn't need road signs. He had resurrection. And though his car was broken, his heart was finally whole.

Just as Caleb lifted his head from prayer, surrendering his lostness to Christ, headlights pierced the darkness. A car crested the horizon, slowing as it approached the broken-down vehicle. In that moment, Caleb realized that hope had arrived—not just in the form of a ride home, but in the assurance that he was never truly alone.

## What Does It Mean to Be Spiritually Lost?

Isaiah 53:6 – "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way..."

- 1. What are some "dead ends" you've pursued in search of meaning or purpose?
- 2. How does this verse help you understand the human tendency to wander?

## Who Are You Asking for Direction?

Psalm 121:1–2 – "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

3. What voices or influences have you trusted that ultimately couldn't guide you?

4. What steps can you do to seek God first when you feel lost?
The Power of the Empty Tomb
Luke 24:5–6 – "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"
5. Why is it significant that Jesus is alive—not just historically, but spiritually?
Jesus Is the Way Home
John $14:6$ – "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
6. What does it mean that Jesus is <i>the</i> only way, not just <i>a</i> way?
7. How does this truth challenge the idea that all paths lead to God?
God's Timing and Provision
Romans $5:6$ – "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."
8. Have you ever experienced a moment when God showed up "just in time"?

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9. What does this verse teach you about God's heart for those who feel helpless?
Responding to the Invitation
Revelation 3:20 – "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in"
10. What does it look like to "open the door" to Jesus in your life?
11. Is there any area of your life where you've kept the door closed to Jesus?
Walking in New Hope
2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
12. How did Caleb's encounter with Christ change your outlook and direction in your own life?

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