**Lost Again**

I was always fine until I had the realization that I was lost and alone.  
  
As a child, I loved going shopping with my mom in large department stores! I remember getting so distracted by everything that I would lose track of where she was. Before I knew it...I was lost again! It happened more often than I can remember but what I remember most is the feeling of being lost. It was a gut wrenching feeling that welled up lots of tears and lots of attention from people I didn't know.   
  
As a single mom, those feelings returned! This time on a much grander scale. I realized that I was alone with feelings of abandonment and fear that were overwhelming. The truth is that I was lost again and I had no idea how to make my way back to any sense of normalcy.  
  
Coming to the end of myself was a huge part of what led me back to what I remembered of God. He was pursuing me and put people in my life to direct me straight towards Him.    
  
Lamentations 3:19-26 says,

19I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
    the bitterness and the gall.  
20I well remember them,  
    and my soul is downcast within me.  
21Yet this I call to mind  
    and therefore I have hope:

22Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,  
    for his compassions never fail.  
23They are new every morning;  
    great is your faithfulness.  
24I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion;  
    therefore I will wait for him.”

25The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
    to the one who seeks him;  
26it is good to wait quietly  
    for the salvation of the Lord.  
  
What's holding you back from this kind of hope? It's for you like it was for me. Take time to lay your life out before the Lord. Do you feel lost? He will direct you back to a place of being found by Him...and that's a great place to be!

If we have not met, I want you to know that my name is Holly and I walked into this church 22 years ago with a 5yo daughter and a 2 month old son in tow. This church embraced me but bigger than that the gospel and what God did in my life changed this common girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy the SPF ministry and the newsletter and get excited about what God has in store for you and your children!

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