

## SPIRITUAL TASK—LOST SHEEP

*I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out...  
You are My flock, the flock of My pasture (Ezekiel 34:11, 31).*

In Ezekiel 34, the Lord speaks of sheep scattered and wandering through all the mountains and hills. There was no good shepherd to protect them and keep them safe from wild animals.

In the gospel of Luke (15), the Lord tells of a shepherd leaving his sheep to look for one sheep that is lost and rejoicing when it is saved. He relates it to the joy in heaven when one sinner repents. Here the lost sheep seems to be a person going his own way, ignoring the Lord's teachings. Notice that the Lord searches for all of His lost sheep, seeking to lead them into the sheepfold of heaven.

**Task** There are times when we feel like lost sheep. Perhaps we don't see our way clearly. Or we resist doing what we know is right. Or we look to ourselves rather than the Lord, until we find ourselves in trouble.

This week try to be aware of times when you feel lost. Why are you feeling lost?  
How could you be found? Can you see ways that the Lord finds you?