

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 24th SUNDAY YEAR-C-2025:

THE GREAT SEARCH-LOST AND FOUND:

This is the 24th Sunday of the year .we have only 10 more Sundays to go and we have another season of the Liturgical year.what a Sunday to reflect on where **we are coming from,where we are and map,out which direction do we take from here.**Is there,anything we need **to improve,to get rid off or retain** in our spiritual way?Our readings call us look into our self,**search,locate where we are and see anything which demands our attention that we may go back to our loving Merciful God**

In the gospel(Lk.15:1-10)The scribes and Pharisees are shocked by Christ on what he is doing, something out of their unexpectations, **eating and dinning with sinners.**This is unheard of by these orthodoxy proclaimed,custodians of laws and the cream of the society.Sinners **must be condemned according to them,**on the contrary Jesus **loved sinners and calls them to repentance.**

This demonstrated by his behavior by giving these three episodes.He is teaching the fact that God doesn't **avoid sinners,he loves them he searches for them and he is happy to find them and return them to the fold..**He gives an example of the parables,of **the lost sheep,the lost coin and the famous popular prodigal son.(Lk.15:4-31).**All grieves on what was **lost,intensifies the search,doesn't give up and rejoices after getting it back.**

The shephard leaves the 99 unattended,in search **one stray sheep,**the woman **turns her house upside down search of the lost coin,** the father **scans the whole environment day in day out to locate estranged son.**our loving father is more than that to a sinner

and he leaves the good ones since they don't need to repent and look for the lost one and doesn't relax by turning all places to look for the valuable **you and me**. His powerful telescopic binoculars of **mercy are busy scanning everywhere** to locate us. We are more than the sheep and the coin we are created in his **image**.

He is looking for us to come back to our senses like the prodigal son. He would not have been forgiven if he had not come back to his senses and declare **am going back to my father and say I have sinned against you and the heavens**. He made the **first step towards home and the poor Dad saw him and ran to meet and welcome him**. Consider that moment of the reunion, what was going on the son, the anxiety, doubt, expectations, will I be accepted, punished? He must have been scared of his Brother's reactions of **withdraw and bitterness expressed**. The father had a different opinion, he **wanted his son back it doesn't matter what he did what matters is he is a life**.

The woman coin had romantic meaning, it was as if she had lost the love of her husband that is why she turned the house upside down in search of the lost love. It is like marriage ring, the likes of Spanish **eras the gift of coins they share in marriage hence the coin was very precious**.. we are all, precious in the eyes of God, we have a real, loving father let's not be ashamed of our past, he is calling us back and **loves us unconditionally**.

The lost sheep was **found, and it rejoined the flock, the coin was found the woman regained her love and the son was forgiven so as to return home. God will never give up on us until he finds us**.

