

LOST SHEEP'S TALE

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LYRICS

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dedicated to Jesus our Loving Shepherd, 1 September 2012
Album: Amazing Creator 'n' Critters

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Day after day I see the same: 99 sheep, plus ME, and "Him".
Day after day it's always the same: 99 sheep plus ME eating.
Day after day He calls our names. Cleans our wool. Acts loving.
Forces us to lie and rest
by still waters. Says it is best.
BUT I'm just little old me. He has 99 better sheep. I'll
slip away. Go my way. This Jesus will never miss me. Sure,
Let this Jesus shepherd others.
I can take care of me.
I just want to be free.

INTERLUDE MUSIC: "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound!"

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Day after day I make my plans. 99 sheep for just two hands.
That Shepherd is so busy. I know He surely WON'T miss me.
Day after day He calls MY name. Cleans my dirt, speaks so loving.
But it's not what I believe.
WHY WOULD JESUS CARE ABOUT ME?
For I'm just plain old me. I'll make my opportunity to
slip away from 99 sheep. I'll be in charge of ME! Sure,
Let this Jesus shepherd others.
God is not Who I need.
I just want to be free.

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READINGS

"I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments." -- *Psalms 119: 176 prayer through David*

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep,
if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and
go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ... And when he comes home,
he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them,
'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'
I say to you that **likewise** there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents
than over 99 just persons who need no repentance." - *Jesus, Luke 15*

3 Verse 3 comes after scripture reading following Verse 2

Day after day I'm still amazed. Jesus LOVES me despite my hate.
 First John 4, verse 10, is Him: God loved me before I loved Him.
 Day after day, He calls our names. Cleans our sins when we repent.
 Requires us to obey him.
 FOR OUR GOOD -- NOT JUST FOR HIM.
 NO ONE is "just plain old me." Jesus DEARLY loves each sheep.
 "99 sheep is never enough!" ---- GOD calls out to YOU. That's
 why LORD Jesus gave His life for YOU:
 Let Him take care of you.
 John 15, He'll set you FREE.

Ending MUSIC: "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound!"

Song Story.

I was really surprised to be **unable** to find another song written **from the lost sheep's perspective**. Many of the scriptures about lost sheep have humans identifying with sheep.

Like David's Psalm 119 near the end, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments."

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Why would a sheep leave its comfort and protection, I wondered?

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Imagining myself as my stubborn cat Lea helped me to get a new perspective on sheep....
 thinking they are smarter than the Shepherd who cares for them and dearly loves them, who forces them to rest only so they will not be sick.

Or, in Lea's case, forces them to stay in the fold's safety (or house!) where the wild animals and other dangers cannot take their life.