

## Wednesday thoughts

We all love good stories – whether we may read them or they are told to us, and a talented storyteller will hold his or her listener's attention, as will a book that is hard to put down. So it was with the crowds who listened to Jesus who was a master teller of stories 2000 years ago. So often he would use topics that the then uneducated people would understand – and most especially he used shepherds and sheep.



At this time one particular tale comes to mind and it's the one about the sheep that was lost and was rescued by its shepherd – it can be found in the Bible in Matthew 18:10-24 (NRSV)

Obviously four-legged woolly animals have little to do with the current pandemic – or do they?

Right now thousands of human beings are lost, frightened and afraid of what may happen to them – both lost sheep and lost people are all in dire need of being rescued from so many worrying situations in which they find themselves. Sadly, countless numbers of those lost ones have already perished despite unbelievable efforts that have been made by all types of shepherds as they have embarked on a rescue.

Many of us, due to our own inability to scale cliffs or search in deep water are unable to attempt to rescue, but at least may God help us to give every possible encouragement to those who can and do continue to rescue lost ones.

Blessings everyone