

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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Where Is My.....

*Where are my car keys?
Where is my datebook?
Where is my cell phone?
Where is my brief case?
Where is the checkbook?
Where is the TV remote?
Where is the sound bar remote?
Where is Jax's 'nuk'?
Where is Jericho's homework?
Where is Cathy's calendar?
Where is Jes' coffee?*

I feel like an inordinate amount of my words used are **“Where is my...?”** It feels like I'm always looking for something. The last day or so the question has been, **“Where is the phone?”** A certain one year old (Jaxsen) likes all things remote like. And since our wireless home phone looks a lot like a remote ... certain chubby little hands like to walk off with it. Problem is this time ... we haven't been able to find it. Our phone even has a handset finder feature. Push the button on the base and the phone rings to let you find it. When we push that phone finder button? Silence. We are having this growing sinking feeling that perhaps it was deposited in the trash can ... which was bagged up and went to the outside dumpster ... which was picked up by the trash man on Monday!

Perhaps on the other side of Lake Meade ... deep in the bowels of a trash truck ... our poor little lost phone is ringing to beat the band! **“I'm here! I'm here!”**

We probably all can relate to hunting for lost things. But there is one thing for sure that you'll never have to hunt for. Your Lord. Yes, I know, we'll hear people comment, or perhaps have said ourselves, that **“God seems far away.”** Or, **“God seems silent.”** The truth is the only time that God is **“far away”** is if we've put distance between ourselves and God. As one bumper sticker proclaimed, **“If God seems distant ... who moved?”** And the only time **“God is silent”** is when we've been ignoring prayer and/or our Bible lies dusty on the shelf. Both Old & New Testaments affirm that God does not play **“hard to get.”** He doesn't hide from His children. Intimacy with Him is not complicated. He desires closeness with you!

“When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.” Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

“Move your heart closer and closer to God, and He will come even closer to you.”

James 4:8 TPT

This verse from James has always been a favorite of mine. Imagine my delight recently when my brother Lewie sent me an old New Testament that had belonged to my Grandma Steerman,

and this verse was highlighted by Grandma. Disabled by childhood polio, and a widow very young, Grandma lived with intimacy with her Lord. She would have had good reason to say, "**Where is God?**" But she knew the nearness of her God!

As we walk through the days of Lent 2019 ... a time to draw near to our Lord in a special way as we remember His suffering on our behalf ... let us 'take a knee' in prayer, find ourselves regularly & eagerly in worship, find delight in listening to God through the living pages of His Word. My prayer is that you'll find your car keys, your wallet, that important paper, and the TV remote! But most of all my prayer for you is that our wonderful Lord of love & grace will be especially near! Never missing! Never distant! Never far away!

Now ... where is that phone?
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