

## LOVE FOR THE LITTLE ONES

MATTHEW 18:10-14

God has not abandoned us any more than he abandoned Job. He never abandons anyone on whom he has set his love; nor does Christ, the good shepherd, ever lose track of his sheep.

-J.I. Packer

### I. The Father Who Knows

## II. The Father Who Keeps

### **Into the Bible:**

1. Some people accuse God of being an angry and vindictive God who is intent on judging people for sin and sending them to Hell. How does this square with the character of a God who from the very first seeks out sinners (Genesis 3:8-9), provides salvation to those who don't deserve it (Romans 3:10-12, Romans 5:8-11, John 3:16-17), and relentlessly pursues those He loves (I Timothy 4:16, II Peter 3:9)?

## **Application:**

2. If there is rejoicing in Heaven over the rescue of one wandering “sheep” from God’s flock (Luke 15:7), shouldn’t we actively seek out and be part of restoring wandering brethren (James 5:19-20, John 10:28-29)?

## **For Families:**

3. Talk with your children about God’s loving desire for all of us to become part of His “flock”.