

The Salvation Army Hadleigh Temple

Songster Devotions Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

I hope you are all able to feel the benefit of a more relaxed lockdown and having the opportunity to now do things we had taken for granted.

Have you had readjust and remember how life used to be? Or seem to forget and it takes a little time to think how things are completed. The most common being forgetting where we have put our keys or the reason for going into a room or upstairs. This is called absent mindedness or more commonly these days 'senior moment' this can happen at any age!

Many objects find their way to Lost Property Offices it has included umbrellas, spectacles and once a five-foot longbow which was never claimed and ended in the Robin Hood Museum in Nottingham. However the most common item found are dentures, it is also reported that this also happens in churches and dentures are removed presumably to be able to sing better.

There are lots of things that are of value to us-our families and friends, our homes and in particular at this time our health to name a few- and we would do well to do everything in our power to keep them.

There are also those things in our lives that we could do with getting rid of- regrets, grudges and bitterness. These are the things that spoil our relationships with others and our relationship with God.

We can lose valuable friendships, and worse still, our inner peace if we hold on to things we should let go.

In Luke Ch.15 v.1-32 Jesus reminds us how important individuals are to God, especially those who are lost, the parable of the lost sheep reminds us that we can get lost through carelessness or neglect. We can get lost accidentally like the lost coin, or like the lost son through a deliberate action or turn our back to God.

God however still loves us and wants us back, and when this happens he rejoices in our return, as happened to Zacchaeus in Luke Ch.19 v.9.

In Song 29.The words of John Gowans outlines very relevant words for our World today in verse 3 he says

'Wider than the human mind can realise,  
His love is unlimited and never dies;  
Though we don't deserve it, every day it's new;  
That's the love of God for me and you'.

May that be your experience today and always as we move forward in 2020.

STAY SAFE AND WELL

GOD BLESS

LOUISE

