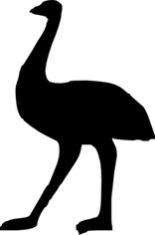
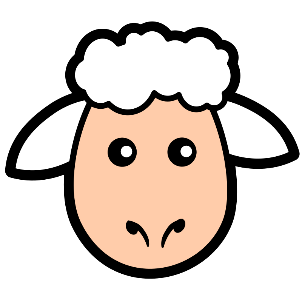
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Lost and Found



This woman and this shepherd, are they mad, or madly in love, or both? They party in such a way as they spend more than their item or animal are worth… and yet to them it is worth it, for the Lost is Found. So too God!

* Have you ever experienced this kind of profligate love?
* What does it mean that the God described by Jesus acts in this way?
* What does it mean for your life today?

Persistently forgiving God,we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you.

Break our willfulness and bring us back from our wanderings; bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.