

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Do you know people, that during Christmas or their birthdays it's hard to find the right gift for them? I know I am one of those people who it is almost impossible to shop for and it drives my family crazy. It's not that I am picky or anything like that, because I am happy and content with whatever I get, or even if I get nothing.

No, my problem is a twofold problem. First, with the type of work that I do, which is consulting, I literally live out of hotels, be it several months to even a few years. With that in mind, it's hard to shop for me because it has to be something I can travel with and can use in a hotel.

You may be thinking money or a gift card then, but the second problem is that I make good money, and I really don't need anything, because I have all that I need and maybe even more so. Therefore, my family and friends have to get creative and put a lot of thought into gifts for me. Once again, it's not that I am difficult, but rather because of my job and lifestyle and God's provision, I am very content with what I have.

But I'm sure you know those people who are hard to buy for, or they are so special you don't want to get them any old gift, because you want him or her to know how special they are to you by searching out that right gift.

Now if you think of Jesus, and how much we search him out, you need to ask yourself, "Are you searching for Him and much as you are searching for that right gift for that person you love?" If you are, how are you searching for Him? Read today's devotional verse again and see.

† *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Once again, the question is not, are you seeking after Him, but how are you seeking after Him? Are you seeking him with money by thinking if you tithe, or give a little, or even a lot extra you will find Him? Maybe you think you will find him by going to church, maybe you not only go on Sundays but you also go midweek as well, thinking you are seeking Him that way?

Tithing and going to church are not bad things, and they are actually good things, but if you read today's devotional it does not say to seek Him with money, tithe, or by going to church. No, He says *when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Jesus tells us how to do that:

† **John 5:39** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

You search the Internet for that right gift for someone that you love. Now search the scripture to find the Lord. What will happen if you do? God says, "*you will seek Me and find Me*"