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There was a man who had several children. And though he was glad that all but one had come to Christ, his heart broke over the lost condition of that one. One day a Christian friend came to him and said, "You know God loves that child even more than you do. Why don't you hold onto one of God's promises for her?" The father was unsure exactly what that meant, but he began to read his Bible with that challenge in mind, until one day his heart was struck with this promise:

Exodus 10:26 "Therefore, our livestock too shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD."

Kind of an odd verse, but it was enough. He thought, if God cares that much about our cattle, surely he cares about our precious children.

For ten days he saw no change in the girl. On the tenth day, he was plowing near his house when a message came from his wife: "Come at once, it looks like our daughter will die." He rushed home, finding his daughter in agony. "Oh, father, pray for me; I know I'm lost." It wasn't long before this once lost daughter rested by faith upon the finished work of Jesus for her salvation.

The Father, now filled with joy asked, "What happened?" "I don't know," the girl said, "except that Sunday night ten days ago, just before you came home, something got hold of my heart that I could not shake off. I have been miserable ever since."

Parents, are you burdened by the weight of a wayward son or daughter. Remember, God loves them far more than you could and wants to see them restored. Hold onto the promises of God as you pray for them each day.