



**June 7, 2020 ◊ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ◊ Lectionary: 164 ◊ Gospel JN 3:16-18**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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Spiritual Reflection: Here is a short story from: *The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning*  
By Ernest Kurtz & Katherine Ketcham:

*Once upon a time, a carefree young girl who lived at the edge of a forest and who loved to wander in the forest became lost. As it grew dark and the little girl did not return home, her parents became very worried. They began calling for the little girl and searching in the forest, and it grew darker. The parents returned home and found neighbors and people from the town to help them search for their little girl.*

*Meanwhile, the little girl wandered about in the forest and became very worried and anxious as it grew dark, because she could not find her way home. She tried on path and another and became more and more tired. Coming to a clearing in the forest, she lay down by a big rock and fell asleep.*

*Her frantic parents and neighbors scoured the forest. They called and called the little girl's name but to no avail. Many of the searchers became exhausted and left, but the little girl's father continued searching throughout the night.*

*Early in the morning, the father came to the clearing where the girl had lain to sleep. He suddenly saw his little girl and ran toward her, yelling and making a great noise on the dry branches which awoke the girl. The little girl saw her father, and with a great shout of joy she exclaimed, "Daddy, I found you!"*

For the problem is not "finding" God but how do we let ourselves be found by a Hidden God.

**Spiritual Questions:**

1. Do we truly believe that God came into the world searching for us?
2. How can we let God find us?
3. Why does God not condemn us?
4. How can you help others know that God is searching for them?
5. What happens if you keep hiding from God?