

Sermon: C'mon Home

2 Chron 30:6-9

⁶At the king's command, runners were sent throughout Israel and Judah. They carried letters that said:

"O people of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,^{6a} so that he will return to the few of us who have survived the conquest of the Assyrian kings. ⁷Do not be like your ancestors and relatives who abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and became an object of derision, as you yourselves can see. ⁸Do not be stubborn, as they were, but submit yourselves to the LORD. Come to his Temple, which he has set apart as holy forever. Worship the LORD your God so that his fierce anger will turn away from you.

⁹"For if you return to the LORD, your relatives and your children will be treated mercifully by their captors, and they will be able to return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful. If you return to him, he will not continue to turn his face from you." (New Living Translation)

January – the great 'reset' of the calendar year!

Common for earthly kingdoms to cycle between periods of good leadership and periods of bad leadership.

Mystery that Godly parents can have unrighteous children AND unrighteous parents can actually have offspring who become some of the most devoted, righteous people that you'll ever meet!

Parents, when it comes to your children living devoted to Jesus Christ,
YOU ARE THE BEST CHANCE THEY HAVE!

Call is sent to everyone: RETURN TO THE LORD!

Can't find where they openly, defiantly abandoned their faith. ***They just never fully committed themselves to the Lord!***

Natural state of humanity is WE DRIFT FROM GOD! We are by nature idolaters, always looking for something else to worship!

Root of the Problem: God's people are called to be different! God's people are called to be 'peculiar'; but God's people PREFER to be like everyone else!

Ask ourselves a question in this month of reset: SPIRITUALLY, where am I?

Am I more devoted to Jesus Christ than I have ever been? His work, His church, His glory?