

BREAKING WALLS DOWN

THE WALL OF FAITHLESSNESS

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INTRODUCTION

Although we serve a perfect God, we are imperfect people and all prone to drifting away. Neglecting the fundamentals of the Christian walk eventually leads to weak faith. Once we have taken our eyes off Christ, our eyes wander, and we lose sight of who it is we are living for and who it is we serve.

Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

And just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Our faith is nourished through teaching.

As we go back to 'normal' and our everyday life errands, it can be easy to neglect our walk with God. If we don't know the reason for our faith in Christ, then we are not rooted and can be easily enticed by the things the world has to offer us. This can cause us to drift away from God. Reading the bible, prayer and church can become a tick box activity or can be removed from our lives altogether. Both are dangerous places to be in.

2 Corinthians 13:5 NLT

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realise this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed you fail to meet the test.

SOME OF THE WAYS WE CAN NEGLECT OUR FAITH:

WE BECOME COMPLACENT

Samson became complacent. God chose to place his spirit upon him and use him in a mighty way. But Samson quickly forgot it was not his own strength or talents, it was God's spirit. He indulged in sin and acted like the philistines, pride crept in and without realising it, God's spirit had left him.

Judges 16:20 NLT

He woke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free" but he did not know that the Lord had left him.

WE LOSE THE HEART OF IT ALL

God revealed himself to the Israelites, he preformed miracles and freed them from captivity. At first their heart was in it, but not long after their journey their relationship with God deteriorated. They were bored, impatient, frustrated and unbothered by his presence.

Deuteronomy 32:15-21 NLT**SIN IN OUR LIVES**

Solomon did amazing things, not just for God, but for his nation. He walked with God but along the way he decided to make decisions that went against God's word. He was disobedient. He had heard from God and knew exactly what was expected of him, yet he chose to turn away and follow the desires of his own heart.

1 Kings 11:9 NLT

The Lord was very angry with Solomon for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel who had appeared to him twice.

WE FEEL DISCOURAGED**Jonah 4:3 NLT**

Therefore O Lord, take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.

HOW DO WE GET BACK TO THE HEART OF IT ALL?

- Seek God's face (His presence) **2 Chronicles 7:14**
- Devote time specifically for Him and Him alone **Matthew 6:6**
- Be in his house (church) **Hebrews 10:25**
- Remove the stumbling blocks in your life **Matthew 5:30**
- Worship him **Psalms 103:1**

Remember who God is. He's the same God that caused the dry bones to come alive, he parted the sea, he brought a dead man like Lazarus back to life, he made the sun stand still while Joshua battled, he caused the blind to see, he made quail and manna rain from the sky, he touched and loved what the world saw as filth and disgusting (the lepers) and he showed grace to those that were sinful and broken. He is our healer, our protector, our comforter, our provider and our saviour. You are alive because he allowed you to see this day. What more do you need to give him all the glory and praise and to live for him.

Ephesians 3:16-19 NLT

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.