GOOD NEWS
BAD NEWS

Wandering

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BAD NEWS: We are prone to wander from the God we love and who loves us.

GOOD NEWS: God never wanders away from us.

Adam and Eve wandered
Saul wandered
David wandered
Solomon wandered
Judas wandered
Peter wandered

BAD NEWS: It doesn't take much to wander, and to the Devil, there is so much to take.

GOOD NEWS: Jesus, our friend, continues to pursue us and draw us to himself.

Hebrews 2:1-4 NIV

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

For this reason:

Jesus is the reason. The whole first chapter is about the Lord

Hebrews 1:1-3 NIV

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

GOOD NEWS: Jesus is the one who has saved us and Jesus is the one who will keep us. He will Pursue us when we wander.

1. We wander when we neglect our salvation.

- We stop being intentional about our formation.
- Our time with God, growing and fellowshipping, becomes infrequent.
- We spend less time in the Bible.

2. We wander from our faith community

Hebrews 10:23–25 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. "

3. We wander when our faith turns to unbeliefHebrews 3:12

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God."

4. We wander into Sin

James 1:14–15 *"Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

- The devil gets a lot of credit for what our flesh does.
- Our biggest enemy to sin in our flesh.

5. We wander from what God has called us to.

6. We wander from the Love of God

The center of God's will is living the center of His love.

Enjoying Him. Being with Him. Receiving Him. For God is love (I John 4.7-8)

There are signs when this happens:

What to do if you know someone is wandering.

- Connect with them.
- Care for them.
- Do not condemn or be passive-aggressive.
- Include them. Respect them.

Galatians 6:1–3 "*Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.* ***2*** *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* ***3*** *If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.*"

BAD NEWS: We are prone to wandering

GOOD NEWS: We don't have to wander. God never wanders from us.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We confess we are prone to wander from you. Thank you for your unconditional love and never wandering from us.

Forgive us for wandering from your love. Forgive us for wandering into unbelief and sin.

Help us not to neglect our salvation and to keep growing in our faith.

Help us to stay thankful for your blessings.

Help us care about our brothers and sisters who are wandering.

Thank you for your love. Thank you for never leaving us.

Thank you for putting your love in me to care about others.

In Jesus' Name, Amen