

“ARE YOU A DAY'S JOURNEY AWAY FROM GOD?”
Luke 2:41-46

You can be a day's journey away from God due to:

I. NEGLECT (Luke 2:41-46)

Luke 2:41-46, “Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.”

RESUME YOUR WALK WITH GOD: RETRACE YOUR STEPS AND RETURN TO THE BASICS

John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

II. WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE (Jonah 1:3; 3:4)

Jonah 1:1-3 “Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.”

1. Rebelling against God's moral commands

James 3:17, "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

2. Robbing God of tithes and offerings

Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings."

3. Running away from God's calling

RESUME YOUR WALK WITH GOD: **REPENT AND OBEY**

Jonah 3:4-5, "Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, 'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them."

III.DISCOURAGEMENT OVER LIFE'S SITUATIONS (I Kings 19:3-4)

I Kings 19:3-4, "Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

RESUME YOUR WALK WITH GOD: **REST, REASSURANCE, REDPLOYMENT**