

Getting Back to Jesus: Restoring Our Connection

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⁴¹ “Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but 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, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.”

Luke 2:41-51 ESV

²¹ “Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21 NIV

²⁸ “For we know that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28 NLT

RESET our VALUES!

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Luke 2:44-46 ESV

“Remember: He WANTS your fellowship, and He has done everything possible to make it a reality. He has forgiven your sins, at the cost of His own dear Son. He has given you His Word, and the priceless privilege of prayer and worship.”

– Billy Graham

RENEW our VISION

⁴⁸ ‘And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished...’

Luke 2:48 ESV

‘When we realize the impressive intellectual insight and analysis of Jewish Rabbis, this is impressive. This is something like a middle-school child discussing physics with a rocket scientist.’

-Commentator

¹ “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood

the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:1-5 ESV

RECOVER our VOCATION

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Luke 2:48-49 ESV

⁵⁰ “They did not understand... ⁵¹ And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.”

Luke 2:50-51 ESV

“Too often we want clarity and God wants us to come closer.”

-Ann Voskamp

Tools to help you make Jesus your priority in 2021:

21 days of prayer and fasting

Reading through the Bible

Bible Engagement Project

Discipleship classes

Life Groups

Living Free Small Groups