

point that you experience a turnaround! The prodigal son came to himself. He realized that he had sinned by running away from his father. He needed to be closer to his father than ever before. His heart was thorn, it needed healing. And this healing was to be complete only when close to his father. It is so with us.

God is waiting. He is still waiting. He is patient. He has not forgotten about us. His compassion still remains. He wants to heal and mend our hearts. All we need to do is just accept the reality that we are lost and need someone to be closer with, that person is Jesus Christ. He is the Savior.

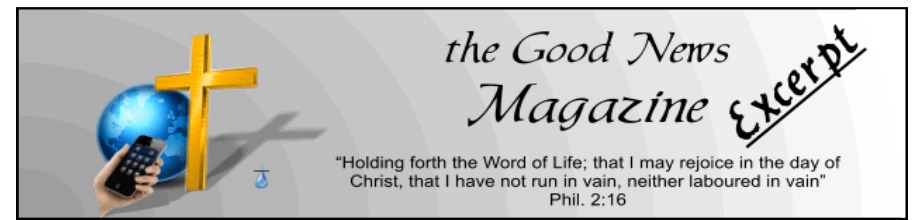
It is unfortunate that it is us that want to go away from God. Remember the time when many of Jesus' disciples went back, and walked no more with him? Well, we don't have to go back, Jesus is here, to give us the bread of life. He Himself is the Bread

of Life. John 6:67-68 *Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.*

I also sum up with these questions too as Jesus did, having been with the Lord, having served Him, will you also go away and stop serving the Lord who called you? Can you hear God's voice in a distance, far away but closer enough to hear Him call you back? Upon reading this, would you like to get back to God? If you haven't given your heart to Jesus, then it is high time to do so. Make Jesus as Lord and Savior of your heart today. Today, if ye will hear God's voice, harden not your hearts... Mend your relationship with Jesus Now!

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Far Away But Closer

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In our world today there is so much happening. Technology has taken over since the entrance of mobile phones. In the past, making a phone call was a bit expensive and a challenge to African countries. To have a landline set up in your homestead it sure took time and money wise. It is only the rich who enjoyed this service of making calls in distant places. However, with time, all this has changed. We have mobile phones now. Making a phone call has been simplified. If your family is far away, it only takes a few seconds to unite together through a cell phone. Though the family is far away, you feel so close when you share and talk on phone as if you

were right there with them! There are so many applications on smart phones, whether you want to chat or video call it is so easy nowadays. Talk of modes of transport, just a few hours of travel when using a plane and you are with your family! Technology is good, but however I am concerned of the implications it has brought us.

In our county, you find almost everyone busy on their cell phones; they are either chatting on WhatsApp, face book, Instagram, Snap chat or playing games. They say they are in 'love' with the smart world. It is sorry to say that we have made social media our closer 'friend' than God. We can never go anywhere without our mobile phones, even when we sleep, our cell

phones are always close where we are able to see them. It is sad that instead of using the technology to share God's word to the lost, we use it for unnecessary things. Doesn't God's Word say that we should not be conformed to the standards of this world? I am not saying that you shouldn't use technology. Neither am I implying that we stop using our mobile phones, but am saying that we can use technology to reach the lost!

In John 5:19 the Bible says, ***Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*** Here, we see a very close relationship between Jesus and God. It is the Father and Son relationship. Jesus can do nothing of Himself but whatever His Father does He will do it. This only happens when you

have good relationship with one another. For those who have businesses and have hired workers, it comes a time when you need to set up ways on how your business will run. And in this case you will have to be a good role model to your employees so that they can learn from you. If they observe and see that you are not stable and genuine in your dealings, they may end up imitating exactly what you do.

Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 11:1: ***Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*** Apostle Paul is a good example here. He walked in the ways of the Lord, hence he knew that and asked the Corinthians to be his followers. This he meant that since Paul was a follower of Jesus, he lived a Christ-like life, he

expected his followers to do

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the same and to learn from him. Jesus is a perfect example for us to follow. He says in Matthew 11:28-29 ***Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*** Yes, even though we have been far away, here comes a call from Jesus, come unto me! Did you hear that? 'Come unto me' that brings us closer to Jesus Himself. He asks us to learn from Him. Are we so distant from God? Are we carrying heavy loads and need rest? Well, Jesus is here for us. When we learn from Him we sure will find enough rest in our souls. Jesus has always wanted us to be closer to Him. It is being closer to Jesus that will make our souls feel at rest.

What we don't realize is that when we are far away from God, God is always thinking about us. He is always yearning to bring us closer to Him.

The story of the prodigal son is a good example of how far we may get away from God but He continues to keep us close in His heart. Luke 15:17-20 ***“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.”***

See how our Father loves us! The Lord is always watching over His children. Though we mess up sometimes, our Father has always had patient with us. He waits for that very moment when we come back to ourselves. It is at this