

DECEMBER 8

“IF YOU’VE LOST JESUS, GO BACK TO JERUSALEM.”

READ

Luke 2:41-46

Every year the Jewish people went to the feast in Jerusalem to worship. Families would go in caravan, traveling for days eating and drinking along the way, kids playing and running. Jesus’ family had offered their sacrifice, the feast was over and they were on their way home, when they realized they hadn’t heard their son’s voice for a while. They hadn’t noticed Jesus was not there. They had assumed He was there. They turned back to Jerusalem, seeking Him, and they found Him. We can be so caught up with family, friends and church activities that we assume the presence of the Lord is there. But He’s not. I’m not talking about losing your salvation, backsliding and going to hell, I’m talking about the presence of the Lord. If you’ve lost Jesus, you’ll find Him where you left Him. You’ve got to return to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Seek Him while He may be found. Nothing else in life counts. Jesus’ family had to make a decision to leave everyone, to leave the fun of the group and go back to Jerusalem. That’s where we lost Him and that’s where we’ll find Him. When you walk out of the prayer closet and you don’t hear Jesus’ voice, you’ve got to go back.

PRAY

During the holidays we can get so busy that we give ourselves permission not to read and pray. May I enjoy Your presence this season. May I be busy about my Father’s business.

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