

THE WAY BACK



It's one thing to discover that you've lost touch with God.

It's another to find your way back to him.

"Where is the blessedness I knew when first I met the Lord?

Where is that peace which once flooded my spirit?

What happened to my faith?

Why is it so hard to pray with confidence?"

The way back is closer than you think.

It begins with an admission of need....

*"Father I have sinned against heaven and before you,
and am no longer worthy to be called your son....."*

"God be merciful unto me a sinner!"

It continues with a cry for help.....

O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins.

We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy.

“O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act!

For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name.”

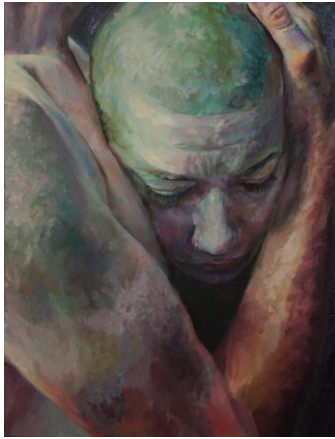
Daniel 9:18-19

It ends with a knock on the door of your own heart.....

***I correct and discipline everyone I love.
So be diligent and turn from your indifference.***

***“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.***

Revelation 3:19-20



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Prayer: Lord, we confess, we allow so many things to distract us from you. Forgive us for wandering, yet again. Without you we flounder, our lives lose meaning. We want to come back to you. Have mercy on us. Oh Lord, help us to turn diligently from our indifference, to beckon to your knock, to hear your voice, to open the door so we can once again enter into all that you have for us with hearts that are wide open to you. Amen.

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