## FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS AGAIN

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WHAT IS THE CURE AND SOLUTION FOR A COLD HEART TOWARDS GOD? YOU NEED TO RECOGNIZE WHERE YOU ARE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Jesus said, "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Rev. 2:4). These Christians in the Ephesus church left their first love, Jesus! The devil



somehow replaced the love they had for God with another love.

The same devil that was able to get them to leave their first Love is the same devil doing it today in the Christian church. Satan knows your weakness and will

zero in those areas in order for you to bite when he begins to tempt you there. This is why it is very important for you to be a praying Christian. Don't allow the devil to take you away from your prayer closet. If the devil has taken you out of your prayer closet repent and go back to it.

Jesus said, "Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of place-unless you repent" (Rev. 2:5).

Come to your senses that you broke fellowship with God and repent so that Jesus can begin to restore you once again. In Luke 15:17-20, the Prodigal son came to his senses and repented! There cannot be restoration if you are not honest with your spiritual condition. Once you repent, then the restoration begins, and you are on your journey back to your first Love.

WHAT IS THE CURE AND SOLUTION FOR A COLD HEART TOWARDS GOD? SUBMIT TO GOD AS HE LEADS YOU TO THE DESERT.

Hosea said it this way, "So I am going to take her into the desert AGAIN; there I will win her back with words of love" (Hosea 2:14 GNT).



What is this desert or wilderness that God is talking about?

The desert is the place where God will discipline you, test you, guide you in your road back to your first Love, Jesus. God said, "So I am going to take her into the desert

**again.**" It was in the wilderness where God was teaching His people to truly trust Him in all things after they were delivered from Egypt. God was removing the Egypt from within their hearts and making them like Jesus. He wanted them to fall in love with their True God. Many allowed God to break them and mold them but many rejected the dealings of God and died in the wilderness.

Heb. 3:17 says, "And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?" In the "Desert Journey" you must totally depend and trust in God for everything! But also, you must allow God to change your heart! There God will lead you in a way that will help you go back to your prayer closet, back to the basics, back to your first Love. Jesus said to the Ephesians, "...and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove

your lampstand out of its place-unless you repent" (Rev. 2:5b). In this desert journey you need to be willing to change and allow Jesus to remove from your heart all of those idols that cause you to leave your first Love.

You must understand that God will keep you there until you respond to Him or you will remain there, all dead spiritually in that desert. The first generation of the Israelites died in the wilderness because they rejected the dealings of God, they did not want to change! God's mercy and His love is being demonstrated when the Bible says, "So I am going to take her into the desert AGAIN;" If we repent and surrender to God in this second chance "Desert Journey", then God will be able to win our hearts back to Him. We will fall in love with Jesus again!

# WHAT IS THE CURE AND SOLUTION FOR A COLD HEART TOWARDS GOD? SURRENDER ALL YOUR HEART TO GOD DAILY.

You must daily put God first and pray in your prayer closet daily! You cannot allow the devil or anyone or anything get you to break that fellowship you have with God again. Allow God to help you to do the things you did at first when you got saved when you were in your First Love. God promises us in His Word that He will restore our love for Him. "...there I will win her back with words of love" (Hosea 2:14b GNT).

Pray, talk, and fellowship with God throughout the day and He will reveal Himself to you with His Words of love. God will not condemn you because you have failed Him, fallen, or left your First Love. He will love you and restore you and will discipline and correct you with gentleness and kindness. Jesus said, "A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;" (Isaiah 42:3). When the Prodigal son went back to his father, he was embraced with love, gentleness, kindness and words of love from his father. This is what helped him in his restoration and going back to his first Love, Jesus.

The desert for him was in his father's house. The desert for you can be the disciplines of God for a season, or a storm in your life you must go through. The "<u>Desert Journey</u>" can come in different ways but God is there winning you back "<u>with words of love.</u>" If you don't resist or harden your heart with the dealings of God in your "<u>Desert Journey</u>," He will restore you and fill your heart with His Love so that you will once again fall in love with Jesus again.

"I will **give back to her the vineyards** she had and make **Trouble Valley** a door of hope. She will respond to Me there as she did when she was young, when she came from Egypt" (Hosea 2:15 GNT).

God's blessings will once again be yours! "I will give back to her the vineyards." Your heart will be full of hope that God is doing a great work in you!



"...and make Trouble Valley a Door of Hope..."

Say goodbye to "<u>Trouble Valley</u>" you brought upon yourself because you left your first Love. God will help you to fall in love with Him once again! It's a promise if you do your part. She will respond to Me there as she did when she was young, <u>when she came from Egypt</u>" (Hosea 2:15 GNT).

You will also respond to God as when he set you free and saved you on that special day of your life. We must learn from our mistakes of the ugliness of breaking our fellowship with God, "Leaving our First Love" and guard our love that we have for Jesus once He restores that love in us.

### WHAT IS THE CURE AND SOLUTION FOR A COLD HEART TOWARDS GOD?

- You need to recognize where you are in your relationship with God.
- Submit to God as he leads you to the desert.
- Surrender all your heart to God daily.