

“Why God Sometimes Seems Far Away”

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“You will find me when you seek me if you look for me in earnest.”
(Jeremiah 29:13 LB)

Has God ever seemed far away

We are not ALONE in those feelings.

“Oh that I knew where I might find Him.” (Job 23:3)

“Thou art a God that hides thyself O God of Israel.” (Isaiah 45:15)

It’s ironic that we should have difficulty finding God because the essence of the gospel is God’s SEARCH for us.

1. MISPLACED PRIORITIES:

A gauge for determining your priorities...“How do you spend your TIME AND MONEY?”

2. MISCONCEPTION ABOUT WHAT GOD WANTS:

We sometimes get confused about what’s really IMPORTANT to God.

3. OUR SEARCH IS AN EXTENSION OF OUR OWN SELFISHNESS:

We attempt to USE God rather than allowing God to USE us.

We need to move our eyes from God's BLESSING to GOD HIMSELF.

“It is impossible to have a meaningful relationship with God with out a meaningful relationship with GOD’S WORD... and GOD’S PEOPLE.

Nothing puzzled Jesus more than people who would CALL HIM LORD and then live their lives the way THEY WANTED TO.

“Why call ye me Lord and do not the things I say?” (Luke 6:46)
The essence of Christianity is not man’s pitiful stumbling, SEARCH for God
But rather God’s tender compassionate loving SEARCH for man.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.”