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Rebuild Returning Home – Part 1

When disaster comes, it tests our wit, our confidence, and our courage to go on.

The devil never fights fair, he always comes from behind to blind-side us.

The devil's greatest attacks come when you are at your lowest of lows or your highest of highs.

John 16:31-33

The greatest attack on our world and country was not with guns and missiles but with Covid-19.

COVID has destroyed our economy, separated people from one another, caused shutdowns all around the world.

COVID has closed our schools, COVID has caused small businesses to close their doors.

COVID has even came against the church of Jesus Christ, but with no avail.

COVID reminds me of the devil, he thought he won on Friday, but he forgot about Sunday.

John 16:33

Jesus is never caught off guard, blind-sided or trapped by the things of this world.

COVID has caused people to drift away from God.

Just like Pearl Harbor had to rebuild, we as believers in Christ must start to rebuild.

The road to rebuilding is to return home where we belong... Jesus!

Revelations 2:4-5

It was life changing, and life giving, it was a newfound freedom, and joy, peace, and happiness, do you remember?

Some of you, when you met your first love Jesus probably had snot rags lying all around you.

Some of you probably had a birthday party, celebrating your newfound faith and newfound friend... Jesus.

Can I ask you a question? What happened to that excitement and where did your joy with Jesus go?

Why did you walk away from your first love?

- Did you have a Pearl Harbor experience in your life, or an explosion, that blew everything apart
- Maybe you walked into a landmine of divorce, bankruptcy, loss of a loved one, been betrayed, been lied about, you pick your poison.
- Maybe you stepped on a landmine and now you are shaking your fist at God in anger
- Maybe you have said, I tried this God thing and it's not for me. What is?

Walking away is like a ripping away of fabric, it brings pain and sorrow, discouragement, and defeat.

John 11:35

Jesus wept, because where there was life, there is now death.

Jesus weeps over you, where there was once joy is now hopelessness.

Coming back restores your joy.

Coming back restores your peace.

Coming back restores your hope.

Coming back restores your purpose.

Don't allow your yesterdays to keep you from you victories.

The road to rebuilding is returning home.