



## 2. Realize God wants me back.

“The Lord longs to be gracious to you.” Isaiah 30:18 (NIV)

### How do I know God wants me back?

- His love for me means *unconditional acceptance*  
Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Lamentations 3:22

- His love for me means *my sin is paid for*  
1 John 2:2; Colossians 2:14

“Come, let’s talk this over, says the Lord; no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow.” Isaiah 1:18

- His love for me means *God holds no grudge*  
Psalm 103:9-13; Romans 8:1

## 3. Return to God immediately.

“Now is the time. Never forget the warning, ‘Today if you hear God’s voice speaking to you, do not harden your heart...’” Hebrews 3:15

“If you return to Me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve Me.”  
Jeremiah 15:19



“It’s crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we’ve heard so that we don’t drift off.” Hebrews 2:1 (Message)

Has there ever been a time in my life when I was closer to God? **Yes / No**

Who drifted away, me or God? **God / Me**  
Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5

### Restoring my connection with God starts with...

#### 1. Recognize what caused me to drift away.

What caused Peter to drift from God?  
Mark 14:27-72

- *Overconfidence*  
“Everyone else may stumble in their faith, but I will not.”  
Mark 14:29
- *Laziness*  
“Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?”  
Mark 14:37
- *Fear*  
“Peter followed far behind and then slipped inside the gates of the high priest’s residence...” Mark 14:54
- *Creature Comforts*  
“There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.”  
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