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Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Tuesday Night Men's Group will resume Tuesday, October 29th @ the Burley Market & Cafe in Cynthiana at 5 PM

Join us this weekend as we continue our series "Love & Hate"

Journey Community Christian Church
Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Not True

You've all probably heard the expression, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." I think I understand the sentiment. However, I have found that phrase not completely true when it comes to healthy relationships. Virtual connections like FaceTime, email, text messages and hand-written letters can only do so much. Screens and paper are no substitute for face-to-face.



The best human connections are created when people spend regular time together. The more time spent together with others, the deeper those relationship normally become. It's like dating someone you met as a friend. Over weeks, months, and years that relationship grows more and more serious.

When I was in the U.S. Army serving in South Korea, I had to leave my family behind in El Paso, Texas. This duty assignment was an unaccompanied tour which was not safe dependents. It was the longest year of our lives at the time. Before cheap international calls or the Internet were available, G.I.s wrote letters. Connie and I wrote each other every day for 365 days. Mail took fourteen days each way to reach us. News from home was quite old by the time it was in my hands.

During this period I looked constantly at photos of my family pinned on poster board near my bunk. I read every word over and over in the letters from back home. To be honest, being thousands of miles apart did not help our newly-married relationship. It only brought challenges to staying engaged with my wife and daughter back at home.

Today I was reading a devotion on the Bible app that described a time in the Old Testament when God's spiritual family drifted far from His will for their life. This was a reminder of how hard it has always been for people to stay connected and close to God. Wow, it took me back to those days I was overseas and far away from my own family.

People in the Bible drifted away from their relationships with God, just like people today. It takes a lot of effort to stay in touch with friends, family, and even our Creator. What can we do when self-discipline is not enough? Thanks to modern technology, we have more tools than ever to help us keep in constant contact with each other and even with the church. Yet, we all can still feel distant from the people we care most about and the church we love. Our schedules can keep us busier than we would like.

Here's my big thought for today. Only God's love (love of another kind) will motivate us to see our connections with God and each other through to the end. That's the Gospel truth. No spin. No judgment. Truth.

Moving Forward.
God is Good.

Bobby D.

