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BIG IDEA...

How Do We Clearly Grammar Check The “P,nc?uat!on. Of Our Lives?

**EVEN THOUGH YOU’VE TURNED YOUR BACK...
IT’S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO COME BACK!**

IF I’VE TURNED MY BACK - HOW DO I COME BACK...?

1. REALIZATION

Luke 2:41-42 ...

*Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover.
When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom.*

INFORMATION DOESN’T ALWAYS LEAD TO TRANSFORMATION!

Luke 2:43...

*After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home,
the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, **but they were unaware of it.***

THE FIRST STEP AWAY FROM GOD... IS USUALLY A SMALL ONE!

Luke 2:44a...

Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a DAY.

Luke 2:44b...

*Then they began **looking for him** among their relatives and friends.*

WALKING AWAY FROM JESUS WILL NOT GET YOU TO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!

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2. REPENTANCE

Luke 2:45...

*When they did not find him, **they went back to Jerusalem** to look for him.*

**THEY HAD TO WALK BACK TO THE PLACE OF SACRIFICE
IN ORDER TO REESTABLISH THEIR FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS!**

Luke 2:46a...

*After **three days** they found him*

Luke 2:46-27...

*After three days they found him **in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.** Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

THEY WERE OK WITH BEING NEAR JESUS GEOGRAPHICALLY...

BUT NOT RELATIONALLY!

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3. RESTORATION

Luke 2:48...

*When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “**Son, why have you treated us like this?** Your father and I have been **anxiously searching** for you.”*

Luke 2:49-51...

*“**Why were you searching for me?**” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.*

*Jesus says basically **TWO THINGS** to His Parents...*

1. I'M NOT MAD!

2. LET'S MAKE THINGS RIGHT!