

**Miracles that follow the plow :: My son is walking further away from God****My son is walking further away from God - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/7/20 20:17**

Please pray for my son, he has become very apathetic. At this point he seems to have pushed Jesus aside and is very much living for self. There things that I want to share with him, things I have tried to share with him but he just tells me th at right now he does not know where he is, he says he knows he has pushed Jesus away. There is no alarm or fear, he is just so closed off. I have been praying for him, at one time he was so strong in following the Lord. He read his Bible fo r hours, spent time reading the many wonderful teachings here on SI and seemed to truly love the Lord. Please pray that God would get a hold of his heart. Please pray that his heart would no longer be hardened toward God.

God Bless
maryjane

Re: My son is walking further away from God - posted by mama27, on: 2011/7/20 21:13

I can, and will, pray with ALL OF MY HEART!!

Re: My son is walking further away from God, on: 2011/7/20 22:13

Thank God he read his bible hours on end, you have a hope dear Sister believe the word of God when it states.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

That is your promise to you today and everyday. He may have to "find himself" but be sure of this one thing, the SEED is in his heart and he will not depart from it, even though his flesh may take him some place else.

Years ago when I left home my Mother slipped me a letter to which I have always kept in my mind wherever I went. It wa s short and a loving letter. It was one of the few letters that I had received from her and it's one of the ones that kept me from going overboard in my time from home. She didn't tell me what to do, just a few guidelines.

Hang around people that will do you some good.

If you start to drink and are around people, keep your hand over your drink and/or your finger in the bottle.

Whenever you get in trouble, remember, you have a family that is here to help when you need us.

Re: My son is walking further away from God - posted by browny, on: 2011/7/20 22:42

Will be praying for your son.
To embrace the love of Christ.
Pray for you as well..be of good hope..
Shalom sister!
browny

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/7/21 9:26

thank you so much that have offered their prayers. I spent a good deal of time in prayer last night and I realize much of where I am today with my son is my own sin. God has shown me that I left him to himself much more then I should of. I t ook for granted that because he was reading his Bible and spending time in the Lord that he would be just fine but truth i s I should have been praying all the more for him. When I first saw him pulling away I should have come up along side hi m and shared with him more. I look at him and I realize that he is suffering because of my sin and lack as a mother. God gave this wonderful gift to me and I in selfish living did not do all that I could and should have to point him to JESUS dail y. My heart is very heavy today as it should be. My sin has caused much sorrow. I know God is faithful and HE will and d oes forgive me but sadly in life there are consequences to our sin and I am seeing some of the bad fruit of that sin befor e my eyes. I pray God will forgive me and that HE will touch my son, and all my children to soften our hearts that we mig ht all repent and cry out to HIM. Thank you again.

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Re: My son is walking further away from God - posted by mama27, on: 2011/7/21 9:36

It is good that the LORD showed you that MaryJane, but don't let the enemy get in there and paralyze you with grief either. For then you will not be able to pray. None of us measure up as parents to what God wants us to be, or even what we ourselves want to be. I have to focus with my sons on the truth that GOD loves them so much more than I do, and HE is able to get them to the place where HE wants them. I have a burden for your request - I will be praying....God bless you!

Re: My son is walking further away from God - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/8/10 18:30

I found this blog and thought of all the parents of prodigals on this forum...I read some of it and find it heartwarming and thought it may edify other hurting moms and dads.

Here it is:

<http://aheartforprodigals.blogspot.com/>

Be encouraged...

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2011/8/10 19:16

Thank you, Ginny.....this and the "Tears in a bottle" thread were for me today, and others I'm sure....

MaryJane - wondering how things are going....am praying....

Re: , on: 2011/8/10 21:01

Hi Maryjane, God bless Sister. When you said that you left your son alone because you've seen him reading the bible and taking an active interest in the ways of God, I can't help but remember the times that my Mother did the same thing. But not all is lost. She prayed for me often with earnestness to protect me from the evil one, even with her prayers, I still went down a bad road. When I look back upon it, it was the best thing that I needed. Through it there were many times in my darkest moment living in a one room hovel far away from home, I cried unto God to help me. Even though the next day things were not better, yet He helped me to endure all my troubles. I have found the ones that God uses are those that cry unto Him when they need help, when they are at their weakest.

Your prayers should be, "Lord, wherever your taking my son through, keep him, don't let him die (except to self) and keep his mind intact." He will be alright!

My prayers are with you!

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2011/8/11 2:20

Dear MaryJane,

The LORD does not talk to us of the things that we should have done, He only tells us of the things that we need to do - right now - in the present. It is the voice of the enemy trying to bring condemnation down upon you to paralyze you from doing whatever it is that the LORD would have you to do. Satan is always trying to get us to look back, or look forward, so we miss the moment that we are in - which is the only moment that we can affect by our reaction, or lack thereof, to the LORD's instruction. God bless you sister!

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/8/11 14:39

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So true. And do not forget that!

Yesterday I read an article by John Rosemond and was very impressed. The point in that article dealt with the issue of how a mother needs to distance herself emotionally from her children. (Actually, Washer hints at this concept in his sermon on Christian Womanhood.) I did a search on the web for John Rosemond and found his website. There he does offer some advice in parenting and from what I read, it is on the level. His stuff is so radically different from what we heard when I was a young mom it is not funny! And would you know his insights, advice are conclusions I have come to after my own children were grown. Rosemond does sell a lot of lit dealing with parenting issues so his site may be a turn off to some but if you are serious about parenting and need practical advice do not let this distract you.

I realize, MaryJane, your children may be too old for the info he shares, but there may be other young moms here who need encouraging...

Blessings.

Re: - posted by browny, on: 2011/8/23 2:57

Hi MaryJane,
Wonder how you doing ?
Do you have an update concerning your son?
Please let us know sister.
Shalom to you,
browny.

Re: - posted by daniel- (), on: 2011/8/23 7:39

Hi MaryJane,

I also once walked away from God. My mother never said a single word to me. She let me go. She even let me steal money from her purse to buy drugs. She never said one single word. But she prayed in secret. And God sovereignly met with me. He simply came into my life in a sovereign way without anyone speaking or sharing anything. I know today, if my mother had tried to "get me back on track", it would have only caused me to walk even further from God.

So, take heart and courage and believe God can work all things together for good. Do not let the enemy condemn you. God is a God who sovereignly raised the dead. Do not fear and be afraid. Love your son. All you have to do is love your son and pray for him. Allow God to teach you about His unfailing and unchanging love. He loves your son no matter where he is. It is the love of God alone that can win your son! God's heart is much bigger than ours. God is good and in control!

Daniel

Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/8/23 9:43

Good advice from daniel. And make sure you and your husband are one in the Spirit and dwelling in unity and love. Like the prodigal son's father, don't condemn him and pray and wait on the Lord.

If your son sees that you and your husband love each other and love him, it will be a picture of the love of God for him that he will never be able to get out of his mind and will be used mightily by the Holy Spirit.

How has your husband ministered to you in this situation?

Sarah