

Getting Off Track
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BACK on TRACK

Relationships are all about communication.

The time is characterized by widespread apostasy.

Judges 21:25
2 Thessalonians 2:3

I. THE ENEMY ADVANCES!

1 Corinthians 8:3

“Either you stand for God – or you’ll fall for anything!”

“The devil operates in the latitude between your life and the word of God.

Ephesians 4:27
Ephesians 2:2-3

A. WE ARE DEFENSELESS

Ephesians 6:10-18

B. WE ARE DISTRACTED

2 Timothy 2:3-5

II. SUPERSTICION SETS IN!

A. They had form without substance

2 Timothy 3:5

The ARK was referred to several different ways in scripture:

- The ark of *God*
- The ark of the *covenant*
- The ark of the *testimony*

Hebrews 12:5-6

At the end of the day – the ARK was just a WOODEN BOX!

It represented a relationship with God.

Psalm 78:55-64

B. EMPTY ENTHUSIASM

Numbers 10:34-36

“It’s not how high you jump that matters,
but how straight you walk when your feet hit
the ground.”

III. THE GLORY DEPARTS!

You can steal a man’s religion, but you can’t steal
his relationship!

Judges 17-18

Romans 8:38-39

What is God’s glory?

- It is the manifestation of His presence.
- It is “like” His clothing.
Hebrews 1:10-12; Psalm 19:1
- God’s glory “shines.”
Ezekiel 43:2, 2 Corinthians 4:6
Exodus 16:7

When is God’s glory ever manifest in me as a believer?

- When we worship in Spirit and truth:
Psalm 50:23
- When we demonstrate a changed life:
Galatians 1:23-24, Philippians 1:11
- When we tell others about Jesus:
Matthew 5:16, John 15:8
- When we serve others (spiritual gifts):
1 Peter 4:11