

FINDING FAITH IN A COVID WORLD

Luke 2:42-52

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“When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn’t show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn’t find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. His parents didn’t know what to think. “Son,” his mother said to him, “why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.” “But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they didn’t understand what he meant. Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.”

(Luke 2:42–52, NLT)

1. WALK CLOSE WITH MY FAMILY IN FAITH DAILY.

“When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival [Passover] as usual.”

(Luke 2:43a, NLT)

2. WHEN I’M INCONSISTENT IN MY FAITH, GO BACK TO MY FIRST LOVE.

“After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t miss him at first,” (Luke 2:43b, NLT)

“But you walked away from your first love—why? What’s going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you’ve fallen? A Lucifer fall! “Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste,”

(Revelation 2:4–5, Message)

“Jesus answered, “If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water.”

(John 4:10, Message)

3. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN’S FAITH IN CHRIST.

“Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbors.” (Luke 2:44, The Message)

4. KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO.

“Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

(Luke 2:49, NKJV)

“I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, ...”

(Luke 4:43, NLT)

“The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” ... He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” (Luke 9:22, NLT)

“You must be born again.” (John 3:7, NLT)

“You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.” (Mark 12:30, NLT)

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” (John 13:34, GN)