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2 *“Then we turned around and headed back across the wilderness toward the Red Sea, just as the LORD had instructed me, and we wandered around in the region of Mount Seir for a long time. ² “Then at last the LORD said to me, ³ ‘You have been wandering around in this hill country long enough; turn to the north.*

Deuteronomy 2:1–3 (NLT)

LOST ...unable to find one’s way

Question: Where are you going or heading ...and are you there yet ...or are you wandering?

Answer: !

²⁵ *Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. ²⁷ Don’t get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.*

Proverbs 4:25–27 (NLT)

4 Things That Easily Distract Us

1) ...the **cares of this life** and my personal needs!

2) ...wrong **counsel** and **advice!**

3) ...**busyness**—trying to fix **everyone’s problems** and trying to **please ALL people!**

4) ...not making the **necessary decision** or **commitment!**

How to Start Getting Back on Track

⁵ *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?*

⁶ *And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.*

2 Corinthians 13:5–6 (NIV)

⁴ *“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! ⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.*

Revelation 2:4–5 (NLT)

- **Evaluate or examine** where you are and admit **some things need to change!**

- **Acknowledge or admit** that you are lost and it’s ok to **ask for help!**

- **Commit** to making **some difficult decisions** to get where you want to go!

²⁰ *So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.*

1 Kings 18:20–21 (NIV)

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