Abandoned Pt. 2

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"But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets."
Then all the disciples left Him and fled. *Matthew 26:56 (NASB)*

1. **Prosperity is a true test of a person's** Character**.**

When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong, he and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD. [2]And it came about in King Rehoboam's fifth year, because they had been unfaithful to the LORD, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem [3]with 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen. And the people who came with him from Egypt were without number: the Lubim, the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians. [4]He captured the fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem. [5]Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, 'You have forsaken Me, so I also have forsaken you to Shishak.'"
2 Chronicles 12:1-5 (NASB)

- Reasons **why people abandon God.**
- **Personal** Consequences **when we abandon God.**
- Consequences **for others when we abandon God.**

But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.
2 Chronicles 26:16 (NIV)

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty (conceited) spirit before stumbling. Proverbs 16:18 (NASB)

2. Prevention!

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. 1 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB)

"So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.
Deuteronomy 5:32 (NASB)

- Guard Rails
- Boundaries

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

Notes