

## The Primary Purpose of Our Life

It is recorded in the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testament, that our Father said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Dt 31:6,8; Heb 13:5). It’s true that He won’t. But it also says, “Let brotherly love continue. Let the laying down of your life continue. Don’t forsake your first love for Me, in order that you might lay down your life.” This is in Heb 13:1-5. It goes on and talks about entertaining strangers, and many things that we will do if we love Him, and He’ll never leave or forsake us.

*But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. (Dt 30:17-20)*

But then Deuteronomy 31 goes on to talk about how they started loving other things more than they loved our Father, their Deliverer, and all those evils came upon them because they forsook our Father. They didn’t make Him #1; they made Him #2. They didn’t worship Him with everything they had.

Don’t let idols come into your life, children. That’s the very last thing John said in his epistle: Keep yourself from something that would take our Father’s place in your life. It’s obvious when we don’t acknowledge one another as the primary purpose of our lives — to love one another, to lay down our lives, to maintain unity, to maintain brotherly love.

He had to forsake them because they forsook Him. David told Solomon, “Solomon, love Him with all your heart. Seek for Him and you’ll find Him, if you seek for Him. Don’t be foolish.” But he was foolish. He sought for things other than Yahweh. So therefore our Father had to forsake him and all of Israel.

We have to see that “I will never leave you or forsake you” is *plural* — it’s talking about a *people*. But He’ll forsake us if we forsake Him. He can’t just go on and be in our midst, giving us grace and faith, and filling our hearts with love for one another if we’re not seeking Him. A lot of times we forsake Him. Have you ever forsaken Him, and you feel yourself drifting away, you feel a little bit of alienation? You can see what our Master suffered on the cross, “*Father, why have You forsaken Me?*” Because He became sin on our behalf, our Father had to forsake Him.

So many times we feel forsaken, but it’s because there’s an enemy there that wedges his way in between us and our Master. We have to drive that evil spirit out. Then we’ll love one another. Then we’ll look in each other’s eyes and we’ll see Yahshua, because He dwells in each one of us. That’s where He is. That’s His dwelling place. That’s coming back to our first love. That’s the restoration of all things.

What’s the first thing they forsook? Love. And everything else went to pot after that. Just like the fruit of the Spirit — love is first, isn’t it? The Scripture says, “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness...” all of those marvelous, wonderful things. But when love goes, it’s just like a domino effect.