

DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN CENTER

# THE VOICE

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## Drifting

By Kesha Griffin

Our drifting away from God is subtle. It sneaks up on us. It's as if one day we are on fire for God, and the next day we wake up and are no longer in church. What happened? There are a number of reasons we may find ourselves disconnected from the Lord, but I submit all reasons can be summed up into one...sin. Sin separates us from God. Sin causes us to have shame, guilt and to withdraw from God. Whether it be the sin of adultery, or the sin of pride, lust, greed, bitterness, idolatry, etc...sin unchecked, unrepented, unconfessed, will begin to control us and will manifest itself in our lives. Before we know it, we find ourselves living a lifestyle of ungodliness, no longer interested in the truth of the Word of God, no longer convicted of our sin, our prayer life has ceased, we stop serving in ministry, we no longer hang out with our Christian friends and eventually we stop pursuing God.

The good news is that there is hope for those who have wandered or are wandering off from God. The Bible teaches us that we can restore our relationship with the Lord by:

1. **Confessing and turning away from our sins.** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9). "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent." (Revelation 3:19)
2. **Letting go.** We must let go of ANYTHING AND ANYONE that is a hindrance, distraction, or obstacle to us, preventing us from pursuing Christ. "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles..." (Hebrews 12:1)
3. **Pursuing Christ.** Be intentional about restoring our relationship with God. Turn off the TV, put down the magazine, stay out of the clubs/bars, etc. and spend time with God. Commit to prayer, reading the Word, listening to Christian music, listening to sermons, going to church, etc. Actively pursue God. "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for me with all your heart". (Jeremiah 29:13)

May we renew our love with Jesus Christ, loving Him with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind.

~Scripture Memory Verse~

*"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for me with all your heart"*  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NASB)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

\*Saturday, 8.16.14 @ 12p-5p  
**W.O.W. Ministry Fellowship**

\*Sunday, 8.24.14 @ 11a  
**Friends & Family Day  
@ DaySpring**

\*Sunday, 9.21.14 @ 2p  
**Health & Fitness Day**  
Rush Memorial Gymnasium  
1651 W. 162nd St | Gardena 90247

## Bible Trivia Answers

1. **FALSE.** The prayer that God will answer is of spiritual restoration, not of material blessings. The context of this scripture directly refers restoring lost brethren.
2. **FALSE.** Galations 6:1-2, "...if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently...  
2 Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
3. Jesus Christ; Son (Romans 10:9)

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# DaySpring Christian Center Member Spotlight

Hello DSCC,

This month's theme is RESTORATION!!! This means bringing something that was once whole or together, which isn't anymore and bringing it back to its former glory. For me it's my passion, my drive, my "Why am I doing this". Well GOD is the master of restoration and if you remember your purpose and focus on him you will be restored; for me that is. LOL



This month's **spotlighted** member is Deandre Ford. Here is his take on RESTORATION.

" When I think of restoration, I think of something broken that is capable of being put back together again. I myself was at a broken point in life just last year alone. I found myself at a wall, trying to figure out

how to glue the pieces back in place again; assuming I could fix the problem myself, yet failing miserably. It wasn't until I began to plug into the wonderful teachings at Dayspring Christian Center, that I realized that I could do nothing myself, but to allow the grace and mercy of God to restore me back to a level of holiness in Him.

Restoration is not only meant to repair but also to replace. I've since learned to replace worldly desires with godly ones, and unrighteous habits with righteous habits. God has replaced my broken heart with a new one, filled with aspirations of pleasing Him and honoring Him with my whole mind, body and soul. I've returned myself back to its rightful owner, and now I'm almost desperate to allow Him to have His way in my life. "

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAYS @ 10A...** "Explore the Bible"  
7-Week Summer Class for all ages.  
Come discover the treasures uncovered in the Word of God. Meet in the Sanctuary.

**SATURDAY, 8/16 @ 12P-5** Ladies only Poolside Fellowship with the WOW Ministry. For location & details contact Tinaya Hughes at 562.208.5023.

**SUNDAY, 8/24 @ 11A...** 4th Annual Friends & Family Day!! A great event to celebrate love, family & friends. We'll hear an inspiring message by Pastor Charles and have special activities planned for all ages immediately following church service. Don't miss this.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**  
Please help us set-up for Friends & Family Day. Meet at church on **8/24 at 7am-10am**. For questions, see Fou Nu'u.

## Bible Trivia

*Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page*

1. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The scripture Matthew 18:19, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." confirms that if at least two people pray for something and both want it bad enough God promises to give them whatever they want.
2. **TRUE OR FALSE:** When a fellow Christian stumbles we should harshly rebuke them in order to make known their sin and force them to repent by shaming them publicly.
3. **FILL IN THE BLANK:** Most people would not argue against positive characteristics such as being loving, kind, patient, joyful and humble; however, without knowing and believing in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, these traits alone will not be enough to please God the Father and restore our relationship with Him

**CHURCH SERVICES: Sundays 11am | Bible Class- Tuesdays 7pm**  
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