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The Path of the BACKSLIDER

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The Apostle Paul says, *"I brethren could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able for you are still carnal for where there are envy, strife and divisions among you are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"* (1st Corinthians 3:1-3).

This is what we see in the book of James. *"What causes quarrels, and what causes fights among you? Is it not this that your passions are at war within you?"* (James 4:1 ESV). James is dealing with strife and feuding among God's people. He is challenging the church to become mature in their faith.

One of the evidence of your immaturity is your fighting, your feuding, your fussing with one another. Not only was James dealing with immaturity and carnality, but most likely he's also dealing with Christians who had backslidden. They had drifted away in their fellowship with the Lord. They no longer walk as close to Christ as they once did, and this has caused them to respond in the flesh. To handle matters in the church through the flesh is the way of the world.

Every one of us, as believers, must remember that the seeds of backsliding are planted in our hearts. None of us are immune to temptation. Perhaps we are very much like the hymnist who wrote that great song, *"Come thou fount of every blessing."* In that song, he writes, *"prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love."*

Honestly, it doesn't matter how long you have been serving Jesus Christ; every one of us has the seed of backsliding within our hearts. We must be alert to it. I remember our professors saying to us many times in chapel as we went to Bible college that the most comfortable place to backslide is in Bible college. You can get so busy for the Lord that you no longer fellowship with the Lord. You can be so active in the church that you are inactive in your fellowship with Jesus. There is a loud voice from God that is ringing in our ears. There is a neon sign saying to us to watch out that you do not fall into the trap or the path of the backslider. God is saying, *"Return. Come back to me."*



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THIS IS LOVE

I started singing in 1964. This year I will celebrate fifty-five years of singing Gospel Music it has been a great privilege to do so over these years. I remember writing my first song in 1973 entitled, "Tower of Strength". George Younce was a mentor and he helped me with the process while I was with The Cathedral Quartet. It was recorded by twelve other groups and was used on The Cathedral's "Town & Country" Album.

In 1974, I joined Jerry & The Singing Goffs. Jerry was one of the greatest songwriters in gospel music. He authored countless songs and was another mentor to me both in music and in business. That is when I wrote my second song entitled, "This is Love".

Jerry liked the song so much that he made it the title song of our first QCA Record Album. QCA was a label out of Cincinnati and well known at the time. It was a great honor for Jerry Goff to pick my song to title the album. It was somewhat progressive back in 1974 and the words to this song still speak to me today. It's about the greatest love that can be experienced - the wonderful, unconditional, forgiving and peace giving love of God that is what brought me to the title of "This Is Love." Go to www.HopeWorthHaving.com to hear these songs.



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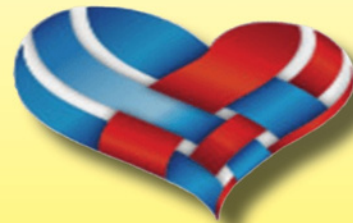
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Thursday

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Fridays

10:00 a.m. on Atlanta 57, GA



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Sundays

9:00 a.m. in Alabama and Georgia – WPIL 91.7

9:30 a.m. – McConnellsburg, PA – WEEO FM 103.7

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10:30 a.m. – Sweetwater, Tennessee – WDEH AM 800

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. in Alabama and Georgia – WPIL 91.7

Thursday

11:00 a.m. in Alabama and Georgia – WPIL 91.7

Fridays

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1:00 p.m. – Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA – WITK AM 1550

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