

CONNECTED

Part 1: Heart Turn

IMPROVING YOUR CONNECTIONS

A. Progressively better

1. Email - challenge is tone and intent may be hard to gauge
2. Text - short and sweet and has the option of adding emojis
3. Facetime/Skype - the ability to see and hear what's being communicated

B. Connecting better with God (*James 4:8a NLT*)

1. The invitation is there - the door is open
2. Key question is how do we come close?

WHEN A NATION TURNED BACK TO GOD (*1 Kings 18:21-24 NKJ*)

A. Israel had turned away

1. The leaders had turned to Baal
2. Difficult days for the nation - a drought had impacted them for 3 years

B. A piercing question

1. How long will you falter - waver; hobbling between two opinions
2. The people had no answer - they were not settled in their hearts

C. A heart adjustment (*1 Kings 18:30, 36-39 NKJ*)

1. Elijah called the people near and repaired the broken altar of the Lord
2. The purpose of the confrontation
3. When the fire fell - they were singing a different tune

MAKING A HEART TURN

A. You don't have to wait for fire to fall (*John 20:29 NKJ*)

1. Believing without seeing

B. An effective heart turn strategy (*Romans 1:21 NKJ*)

1. The path to a better connection - a personal altar with God
2. This personal altar helps control your thoughts

C. God's desire is that you come closer to Him

1. He sent Jesus to blaze the trail for you
2. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in you and be a personal helper and guide
3. He offers you the option to live as family