When I Needed Him Most

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you ever get upset at people? Sure you do.
- Of all the people, and they are legion who annoy me, I annoy myself the most.
- When I needed Him the most is so often the times when I did not seek him.

1 When I Needed God the Most, I Forsook Him

- People throughout history can relate to me because I am them.
- When I needed God the most, I forsook him and erected golden idols in Dan and Bethel.
- And when I needed him the most, rather than seeking him, I took my own life.
- And when I needed God the most, I got angry at him.
- I grew complacent, and I did not seek God.

2 When I Needed God the Most, I Quit Praying

James 5:13

- I get so angry at myself when I realize that when I needed to talk to Him most, I quit praying.
- Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
- When I was suffering, I sought answers, I sought solutions everywhere I could find. Except where the real answer was.

3 When I Needed Him Most, I Stayed Away From Church

Hebrews 10:25

- In my guilt, in my embarrassment and my shame, I stayed away from you. When I needed him most.
- I needed the exhortation that you would give me. I needed the love and good works that you could stir up in me.
- Whatever big event or struggle or turmoil I might be facing in my life, so much so as I see it approaching, is the more I needed to assemble together with you.

4 When I Needed Him the Most, I Quit Trying

Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:23

- When I thought it was just too hard. When I thought, what's the use?
- Let us not grow weary while doing good. For in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- But me, when I needed him most, I did grow weary. And I did lose heart. And I quit trying.
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. For he who promised is faithful.

5 When I Needed Him Most, He Sent His Son

Romans 5:8

- But when I needed him most, he sent his only begotten Son to die for my sin.
- God demonstrates his own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- When I needed him most, he never gave up on me.
- I will never leave you, nor forsake you. Because when I needed him most, he was there.

6 He Patiently and Lovingly Waited for Me to Return

- He will with the temptation make a way of escape that I might be able to withstand.
- Despite my failings and disappointment with myself, that when I needed him most, he patiently and lovingly waited for me to return.
- When he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
- This my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found. That is my father when I needed him most.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When you need him the most, will you believe in him, repent of your sins, and confess your faith? Will you be baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins this morning?**

MY NOTES