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joy and *going astray*

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Samuel 15:2

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

Romans 7:5

For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

The Prodigal Son-God's love restores the lost
Read Luke 15:11-32

Parable of the Lost Sheep-God leaves 99 to find 1
Read Matthew 18:10-14

Key Points:

- Temptation can lead us to rebel against God in service of our vain desires.
- Rebellion against God can exact a heavy toll.
- We are conditioned to reach for external things. When we do this, we can lose hope in God, allowing deadly passions to appear seductive or magical.
- God has already reached out to us. This can be hard to accept when we're used to our idols having a cost.
- When we abide in God's love, the futility of our idols become clear and they lose their all-consuming allure.

Reflection:

Where are the places where you have gone astray from your relationship with God?

What are the steps you will take to reconnect and/or stay connected with Him?

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