

SERMON NOTES  
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**Friendship Gone**  
Ezekiel 20:1-3; John 15:14

Broken relationship with God  
Silence.

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear."

Hebrews 12:16-17

<sup>16</sup>That there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears."

What were the issues?

What was the result?

How long did it take?

Why didn't they listen?

Can the friendship be regained?

Acts 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Isaiah 55:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while He may be found;  
Call upon Him while He is near.

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake his way  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
And let him return to the Lord,  
And He will have compassion on him,  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon."

Ezekiel 20:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Now in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and sat before me. <sup>2</sup>And the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>3</sup>“Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Do you come to inquire of Me? As I live,” declares the Lord God, “I will not be inquired of by you.”’”

John 15:14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.