

Sermon Notes for February 17, 2008

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On a scale of 1 – 10 how serious is "turning back"?

How would you describe what it means to "turn back" in the Christian life? How frequently are you tempted to "turn back"? How much have you "turned back" in your life time?

Of all the things Paul said to Peter, which has the most impact on you?

Recall a time in your life when you "turned back" and what it was that got you back on track. How closely did your experience align with what is recorded in Galatians 2?

How likely is it that you will "turn back" in the future? What truths from Galatians 2 will be most helpful in prevention and cure for this problem?

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