

## ***"How To Get Lost: Five Easy Steps To Losing Your Way"***

*Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (October 6, 2013)*

Introduction: In **The Story** we are considering how the Israelites wandered all over before entering the Promised Land that was flowing with milk and honey. Do you ever worry about giving directions? Are you good at following directions? In our lesson this morning we considered how they found their way. Tonight I want to focus on how people can get lost in the first place. Let's study together...

Discussion:

### ***I. Stop Looking Down, Forget Where You Are***

Example of one who did it right: Jesus (**John 19:25-27**)

Example of one who did it wrong: Moses (**Exodus 3:1-4:17**)

### ***II. Stop Looking Back, Forget Where You Have Been***

Example of one who did it right: Joshua (**Joshua 24:14-15**)

Example of one who did it wrong: Samson (**Judges 16:1-21**)

### ***III. Stop Looking Ahead, Forget Where You Are Going***

Example of one who did it right: Paul (**II Timothy 4:6-8**)

Example of one who did it wrong: Peter (**Matthew 26:69-75**)

### ***IV. Stop Looking Around, Forget The Obstacles***

Example of one who did it right: Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 6:15-7:3**)

Example of one who did it wrong: Judas (**John 13:27**)

### ***V. Stop Looking Up, Forget The Father***

Example of one who did it right: Stephen (**Acts 7:59-60**)

Example of one who did it wrong: Jonah (**Jonah 1:1-3**)

Conclusion: We can't trust for man to deliver us. We can't even trust in ourselves to do that! We need God! God has created you for a purpose. He has great plans to save you! He sent His Son to die in your place. And, He has an amazing plan for your life. **Jeremiah 29:11** says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The Bible reminds us that His ways are higher than our ways (**Isaiah 55:9**). The Bible also tells us that He can work things together for good (**Romans 8:28**). Will you follow God? Are you ready to surrender to His will? Are you lost? Do you need help finding your way? Come home!