

A JOURNEY OF FAITH, SERVICE, AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
FROM A YOUTH REVIVAL TO A LIFETIME OF MINISTRY

GO BACK *to the* ALTAR

*Remembering
Where It Began,
Living for Today,
and Keeping the Fire
Burning for the
Next Generation*

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GO BACK TO THE ALTAR

A Call to Remember, Surrender, and Return

A teaching novel and discipleship resource inviting believers and churches to rediscover surrender, prayer, humility, and the transforming power of the altar.

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CHAPTER 1

THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Key Scripture: Genesis 12:7

“And there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.”

Spiritual Landmarks

Abraham built altars because he did not want to forget where God had met him. An altar became a marker: God spoke here. God provided here. God redirected me here.

Most believers have spiritual landmarks. A church. A revival. A grandmother's kitchen. A hospital room. A military chapel. A bedside. The location itself is not sacred in the way God is sacred, but the memory can remind us of a sacred encounter.

The Child at the Altar

My own story carries such a landmark. During a youth revival, I came to an altar in an A.M.E. church and accepted Jesus Christ. I did not know the roads ahead of me. I could not see military service, marriage, fatherhood, ministry, or pastoral leadership. I simply knew I needed Jesus.

Years later, God brought me back to the same building. The child returned as the pastor. The altar had not changed nearly as much as I had.

Remember Before You Run

We live in a culture that celebrates the next thing. God often tells His people to remember. Remembering is not living in the past; it is carrying forward the evidence of God's faithfulness.

When the future becomes uncertain, remember the place where you first said yes. Your circumstances may have changed, but the God who met you then is still God now.

The First Yes

Every mature Christian life is built on repeated surrender, but somewhere there was a first yes. Perhaps yours was dramatic. Perhaps it was quiet. What matters is that grace found you and you responded.

Never become so mature in church that you forget you still live by grace.

Sunday School / Bible Study Discussion

1. What spiritual landmark reminds you of God's work in your life?
2. Why did biblical figures build altars?
3. What do you remember about your first serious response to God?
4. How can remembering strengthen faith without trapping us in nostalgia?
5. What does your life show that you have done with your first yes?

Personal Reflection

Write the sentence: "The place where God became personal to me was..."

Thank God for one person who helped point you toward Christ.

The Altar Challenge

Return in memory to your spiritual beginning. Spend ten quiet minutes thanking God for where He found you and asking Him to renew your first love.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for meeting me before I understood where the journey would lead. Keep me grateful for grace. Bring me back to the simplicity of saying yes to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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