

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"

**What of the  
consequences  
when a  
connection is  
broken?**



### **NO SATELLITE CONNECTION**

Talking to a long-time mate one day, he commented, "I dunno. I seem to have lost the ability to find much joy anymore. Life doesn't seem to be what it used to be. Then came the question and the statement: "Do you still trust in Jesus? I'm not sure anymore. I can't even remember the last time I prayed to him. I somehow just feel disconnected."

Before I could say anything, he punched my arm and, with a wistful smile, muttered, "See you," and was gone.

Driving home, following the directions of my sat nav, I suddenly recalled a particular morning.

Backing the car out of the garage, I expected the little screen to light up with the usual map. However, it stayed black. Unexpectedly, a message appeared, "**NO SATELLITE CONNECTION?**"

After lots of internet searching, I finally discovered my "intelligent" machine needed an "UPDATE" and "REBOOT."

I wonder how often we allow a once vibrant relationship of love with God, with Jesus, to become complacent, and the connection becomes so weak we lose contact.

Many things can cause this breakdown in "connection." No longer talk to Jesus – pray. Give up reading and learning from God's word, the Bible. Stop mixing with followers of Jesus. Lost interest in God stuff. Pressures of day-to-day life; The list could go on forever.

We most likely need to recognise the need for an "Update" or "Reboot" in our relationship with Jesus. To do this, we may need to get back to reading his word. **(2 Timothy 3:16)** Talk to Jesus in prayer. **(1 Thessalonians 5:16-15)** Talk with other Jesus followers about faith matters. **(Hebrews 10:25)** Make time to be open to his small quiet voice filled with love and forgiveness calling you to himself and all he offers. **(Psalm 46:10)**

God does not leave us to make the "REBOOT" of faith on our own; he promises to help and not leave us to struggle on our own. I'm not sure how it works, but it does. I'm not sure how the reboot of the machine works – but it did. Trust the manual.

Trust God's manual of faith reboot (the Bible) and his promise of a new and stronger connection. Who knows where your "faith journey" might go?

Enjoy the journey,  
Kevin