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indirectly, when they reject His Lordship altogether. He or she is then said to have left the Faith by choice. Jesus Christ said that not everyone who says they believe and follow Him will make it to Heaven, unless they do the will of God the Father (Matthew 7:21-27). It takes some time to get to the point where we finally reject and depart from Him, but it is possible. The Bible speaks of it as, “A dog turning back to its own vomit” (2 Peter 2:20-22). Gladly, our merciful and loving Father is always delighted to have us in His arms when we wander away, but find our way back to Him like the prodigal son (see Luke 15:11-32).

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