

CLOSER SERIES "The Danger of Drifting"

"Therefore we must pay much CLOSER attention to what we have heard, LEST WE DRIFT AWAY..." Hebrews 2:1 (ESV)

All of us have the tendency to drift away from God if we're not

THE DANGER OF A DRIFT

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. DON'T DRIFT ALONG taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you." 2 Corinthians 13:5-9 (MSG)

Warning Signs of a Drift:

- Drifting from ______
- Drifting from _____ and church
- Drifting from ______ thinking and living

Drifting is a danger that every believer must guard against, even if we_____.

"So anyone who thinks they are standing strong should be careful that they don't fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

Peter's Drift toward Danger:

1. Ignoring a ______.

2. _____-confidence.

3. Spiritual_____.

4. _____ behind.

(Continued on reverse)

"HE IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM SLIPPING AND FALLING AWAY, and to bring you, sinless and perfect, into his glorious presence with mighty shouts of everlasting joy." Jude 24 (TLB)

We can never drift beyond the _____ of God!

COMING BACK FROM A DRIFT

_____ draws you closer, _____ pushes you further away.

"Go, tell His disciples—<u>and Peter</u>—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him..." Mark 16:7 (NKJV)

The Lord is calling each of us CLOSER—back to His side, away from the ______ around us.

"Come back to the Lord your God, because he is kind and shows mercy. He doesn't become angry quickly, and he has great love. He can change his mind about doing harm." Joel 2:13 (NCV)

"I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them." Hosea 14:4 (NIV)

Our spiritual condition may waver-Our _____ does not.

"We come CLOSER to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!" Hebrews 10:22 (TPT)

If you are drifting off course, it's time to ______ and get CLOSER to Jesus Christ.

FATHER GOD, Thank you for your amazing love and grace, even when I drift away. Lord I confess that too often, I've fallen asleep and drifted away. Today I make a decision to follow you closely, and by your grace I will stay alert. Thank you for loving me and rescuing me from all danger. Through Christ I pray, AMEN