

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER Strength will rise
 PRAYER
 SINGING TOGETHER The joy
 UPDATES Pastor Phill
 LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Hope
 11AM SERVICE: BABY DEDICATION Phoebe Brown
 SINGING TOGETHER Heart sings hallelujah
 Bless God
 BIBLE READING Hebrews 2:1-4 (Church Bible page 1253)
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 SINGING TOGETHER Yet not I but through Christ in me



Masks~6
How to stop the drift.
Hebrews 2:1-4

'We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we've heard so that we don't drift away.' Hebrews 2:1 NIV

'But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance that you received when you heard the good news.'
Colossians 1:23 NLT

'Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?'
2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

TWO EXAMPLES OF DRIFTING IN THE BIBLE: DAVID AND PETER:

'One evening David got up from his bed and he walked around on the roof of the palace, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing. And the woman was very beautiful. And then David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he slept with her.' 2 Samuel 11:2-4 NIV

He _____, he _____, he _____.

"Man, I don't know what you're talking about." Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.' Luke 22:60-62 NIV

From being _____, to being _____, to being _____ by fear.

HOW DO YOU KEEP FROM DRIFTING?

1. Look to God's love for your _____.

'I serve you, oh Lord, comfort me with your love, just as you've promised.'
Psalm 119:76 CEV

'All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father, and he is the source of all comfort.' 2 Corinthians 1:3 NLT

'Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all that we need for our enjoyment.' 1 Timothy 6:17 NLT

2. Look to God's Word for your _____.

'My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength. He is all I ever need.' Psalm 73:26 TEV

'My soul weeps because of grief. Strengthen me according to your word.' Psalm 119:28 NASB

'This is my command: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9 NLT

3. Look to God's will as your _____.

'I press toward the goal for the prize of upward call of God in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 3:14 NKJV

'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' Matthew 16:24 NIV

4. Look to God's grace as your _____.

'Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.' 1 Peter 1:13 NIV

'He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace in which we now live, and so we boast of the hope that we have in sharing God's glory.' Romans 5:2 TEV

'May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.' 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV

'The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.' Luke 22:61 NIV

'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and he sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.' Hebrews 12:2 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. When do you tend to lose focus on the task at hand?
2. When do you lose focus on Jesus?
 - What advice does Hebrews 2:1 have for us? How do we do that?
3. Just like the pattern we see in Luke 22:60-62, we can be overly confident of ourselves, then confused when events do not occur as we confidently expect, finally, we become fearful or full of doubt. Like Peter, have you experienced this cycle before? How can we break this sequence?
4. When you've had a bad day, what kind of comfort do you seek at the end of that day?
 - Pastor Phill suggests that we bring God's love into these comforts as indicated by Psalm 119:76. For example, if food is one of your favorites, thank God for your taste buds. Share what it might be like to have God's love intimately involved with these comforts.
5. What does Joshua 1:9 say about God's nearness?
 - What you can do to remind yourself that God is with you, no matter what?
6. What is a false hope you have had in the past?
 - What is the difference between false hope and the hope that God gives as described in 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17?
7. Read Philippians 3:14. We drift when we're focused on the wrong thing. Paul was a lifelong disciple, one who continued to learn and to grow toward Christlikeness. How can we keep from drifting when we fail to reach our goals?
 - When we've reached our goals and feel there is nothing left, what can keep us from giving up and drifting away from God's call on our lives? See Hebrews 12:2.



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