

What Causes us to Drift?

Doubt, Unbelief, Neglect, Letting Go of what we need to hold on to.

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Introduction

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Attack Unbelief with God's Help.

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Gabriel went to Daniel and to Mary and to John's father Zacharias.

Gideon and Samson's Parents were visited by an angel

Angels are not the only messengers

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If Angels provide proven Reliable messages, and Every transgression and disobedience receives just retribution.

[Heb 2:3-4 KJV] 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard [him]; 4 God also bearing [them] witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Do We know He is the Lord?

[Eze 7:4, 10, 13 NLT] 4 I will turn my eyes away and show no pity. I will repay you for all your detestable sins. Then you will know that I am the LORD. ... 10 "The day of judgment is here; your destruction awaits! The people's wickedness and pride have blossomed to full flower. ... 13 Even if

the merchants survive, they will never return to their business. For what God has said applies to everyone--it will not be changed! Not one person whose life is twisted by sin will ever recover.

Do Not Neglect so Great Salvation (Overcome Neglect with Action)

Don't Neglect to Take the Message to all. We are messengers too.

[Mat 28:19-20 KJV] 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.

We are watchmen over the people God has placed us.

Ezekiel 3:16 After seven days the Lord gave me a message. He said, 17 "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for Israel. Whenever you receive a message from me, warn people immediately. 18 If I warn the wicked, saying, 'You are under the penalty of death,' but you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And I will hold you responsible for their deaths. 19 If you warn them and they refuse to repent and keep on sinning, they will die in their sins. But you will have saved yourself because you obeyed me.

When brothers and sisters in the Church turn from their righteousness we are their watchman.

God often gives a warning first. He may also call upon the watchmen.

Ezekiel 3:20 "If righteous people turn away from their righteous behavior and ignore the obstacles I put in their way, they will die. And if you do not warn them, they will die in their sins. None of their righteous acts will be remembered, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths. 21 But if you warn righteous people not to sin and they listen to you and do not sin, they will live, and you will have saved yourself, too."

Our Righteousness comes through our faith in God.

[Gen 15:6 KJV] 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

[Gal 3:6-9 KJV] 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

[Phi 3:9 KJV] 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

[2Ti 3:16 KJV] 16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

How Satan Attacks those of us who are being tempted to turn

[2Co 2:11 KJV] 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

[Jhn 8:44 KJV] 44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Arrogance Caused Satan's Fall. He believed a lie.

[Isa 14:12-15 KJV] 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Make Conscious Decisions to prepare against turning from God.

[2Ti 4:7 ESV] 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

[Act 18:9-11 KJV] 9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: 10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. 11 And he continued [there] a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

God will Teach you.

[Psa 25:12 KJV] 12 What man [is] he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way [that] he shall choose.

[Psa 25:12 NLT] 12 Who are those who fear the LORD? He will show them the path they should choose.

Hold on to what we believe, we have help.

Hebrews 6:14 So then, since we have a **great High Priest** who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 **This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.** 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

How was Jesus made perfect? How did he grow into maturity.

[Heb 2:10 KJV] 10 For it became him, for whom [are] all things, and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

How did Jesus destroy death?

[Heb 2:14 KJV] 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

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Hebrews 3:12 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. **Make sure** that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, **turning you away from the living God.** 13 **You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today,"** so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. 14 For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. 15 Remember what it says:

"Today when you hear his voice,

don't harden your hearts

as Israel did when they rebelled.”

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Exercise so you can attack with impact

[1Ti 4:7-10 KJV] 7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself [rather] unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 9 This [is] a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

Step out of your comfort zone by Faith

[Jas 2:14 KJV] 14 What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Abraham believed God and his works proved it.

He left his hometown and took everything he had with him because God told him

He took his son to offer him as a sacrifice because God told him

The only way to overcome unbelief is to stop retreating and start fighting.

[Psa 78:9-11 KJV] 9 The children of Ephraim, [being] armed, [and] carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. 10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; 11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

[2Ch 20:15-17 NLT] 15 He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's. 16 Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley that opens into the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the LORD's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, **for the LORD is with you!**"

Sometimes the battle is to worship not fight

[2Ch 20:20-23 NLT] 20 Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed." 21 After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!" 22 At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. 23 The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them. After they had destroyed the army of Seir, they began attacking each other.