

MESSAGE NOTES

MARCH 4, 2018

9:30 & 11:00 am

Pastor Bill Ehmann

Hebrews - Maturing in Godly Living

"THE DANGER OF DRIFTING"

Hebrews 2:1-4

The passing of time does one of two things in our earth-life journey with Jesus: We grow in His Word, see less of our selfish nature acting out and develop a continual joy in serving Him – or we drift away from the excitement and peace we felt when we first believed.

First century followers of Jesus faced distractions like we do today – different in nature but similar in influence. When we allow them to keep us from focus on Jesus, away from His Word and neglecting prayer, we drift away from the joy of usefulness. When we practice the disciplines of commitment, consistency and correct doctrine, we experience the joy that God intends for us.

1. The correlation of "paying attention" to "drifting" v 1
2. The consequence of "ignoring Salvation" v 2
3. The confidence that Salvation is from Jesus vs 3-4

DRIFTING – Progressing Toward Destruction

1. Drift away from Truth – We become the authority
2. Drift away from Obedience – We determine what is okay
3. Drift away from Accountability – We become isolated
4. Drift away from Discipline – We get sloppy
5. Drift away from Caring – We lose confidence
6. Drift away from Church – We get lost
7. Drift away from Family – We feel abandoned
8. Drift away from Hope – We give up
9. Drift away from God – We feel forsaken
10. Drift away from Life – We want to die

Drifting is planned defeat; staying focused is assured victory. *"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight where he was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God – he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God."* Hebrews 12:2 -The Message

NEXT SUNDAY

Mar. 11, 2018
9:30 &
11:00 A.M.

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"BECAUSE OF JESUS WE CAN LIVE A HOLY LIFE"
Hebrews 2:5-18

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service