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DON'T DRIFT

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Hebrews 2:1
"Therefore we must pay
much closer attention to
what we have heard, lest we
drift away from it."*

Many once-vibrant romantic relationships have soured and withered because of careless neglect. There was no major, intentional betrayal of the relationship – just the slow rot of thoughtless inattention. The couple simply drifted away from each other. In a similar way, many Christians lose intimacy with Christ not through intentional rebellion, but through a slow, careless drift. By

the time we realize what is happening we are shocked to see how far we have wandered from the Lord. In Hebrews 2:1-4, the Bible warns us of the dire dangers of drifting – but also provides us with the antidote.

What is the antidote for drifting? Paying close attention to our relationship with the Lord.

We pay attention to our walk with the Lord by making time to read His Word and commune with Him on a regular basis (daily is great). We also strive to live by the truths discovered in these times of communion realizing that they are not unnecessary, difficult rules, but are actually vital revelations about how life really works. Those who diligently build their lives on Bible truths find them-

selves developing an ever-growing passion for the Lord.

Another way to pay attention is to reflect on God's love for us, intentionally noting little and big reminders of His care in the routines of our lives. Those who look for what God is doing are often amazed at the many ways He shows up on a daily basis: in little things that were often overlooked before, and in big ways that cannot be missed.

May God help us to remain attentive to Him so we can avoid the devastation of spiritual drift.

God bless you,
Pastor James

DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

*Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing,
Give Thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Do not Quench the Spirit. Do not Despise Prophecies,
but Test everything; Hold fast what is Good.
Abstain from every form of evil.*

I Thessalonians 5:16-22

WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Sep 21 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>join us in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Sep 26 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>Oct 8 & Oct 9 in-person at church. BEGIN SOON Plan to attend one convenient to you.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Sep 24 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Sep 26 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bring a friend and come celebrate God's faithfulness to us as we **celebrate our 13th Anniversary and Friend Day on Sunday October 3rd @ 11 am.**
- **Ladies Meeting Saturday** here at the church @ 10:30 am.
- Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos annual Walk for Life is on Saturday October 2nd at 9 am. Registration is at 8:30. Please contact Lori to sign up to walk and you may also contact a walker if you'd like to sponsor someone.
- **Growth Groups begin October 8th and 9th.** Sign up at the Information Center or online at our webpage to attend a group convenient to you.
- We plan to clean Oak Grove, our adopted street, on October 16th. Please see Tom for more details.
- The Community Bible Institute (CBI) will be offering two online classes this Fall. For more details contact Pastor Jimmie Van Sant @ 973 534 0835.
- *Want to discover God's will for your life? Join us at church for our in-person Evening Service the 1st and 3rd Sunday @ 6 pm.*
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!