# Better Together



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#### I. INTRO

A. Better together

#### II. IT'S HUMAN NATURE TO DRIFT

- A. There is a current in life & we tend to drift
  - Rarely do we drift in a good direction
- B. The Christian life is a fight against the "current" of life

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV) And you *He made alive,* who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once <u>walked according to the course of this world,</u> according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

#### III. AVOIDING THE DRIFT

A. Don't turn away from God

Hebrews 3:12 (NIV)  $^{12}$  See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that <u>turns away from</u> the living God.

- B. The solution to the drift is in the verse
- C. We're pretty good at faking it

#### IV. THE ROW DON'T KNOW

- A. When you begin to drift no one really knows because it's on the inside
- B. How to avoid a doubting drifting heart

Hebrews 3:13(NIV) <sup>13</sup> But <u>encourage one another</u> daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's <u>deceitfulness</u>.

Encourage – To appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore, entreat.

- C. There's a deeper problem
  - Sin has no authority or power over you. It needs your permission, so it sets out to deceive you
  - The best defense against the tendency we all have to tell ourselves stupid things that might not be true is us not you

#### V. WHAT ARE YOU TELLING YOURSELF?

A. What do you tell yourself when you're all alone?



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Question - What is it in you that you tell yourself that if someone heard it they'd say you're crazy?

B. The drift begins within – so – let someone in!

Hebrews 3:14 (NIV) <sup>14</sup> We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

C. The drift inside leads to drifting outside and eventually away from God so encourage one another

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### Two questions

Who have you given the right to appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore and entreat you?

Who are you able to appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore and entreat you?