



I. INTRO

A. Decisions, decisions

Jeremiah 6:16a (NIV) This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

B. Three kinds of decisions

- **Big life decisions**
- **Small decisions**
- **Pivotal decisions**
 - The big decisions are not always the ones that you think are big

C. Following Jesus

- The new birth is a one-time event, followed by a decision to follow

Matthew 20:27-28 (TPT) ²⁷ because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant. ²⁸ For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give his life in exchange for the salvation of many.”

D. The other side of serve is that we can get weary in “doing good”

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

II. WE ALL HAVE THIS TENDENCY

A. Don't turn away from God

Hebrews 3:12 (NIV) See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

B. It's human nature to drift

C. The heart that turns away from God happens **IN** us first

III. AVOIDING THE DRIFT

A. The solution to the drift is in who's around you



Hebrews 3:13 (NIV) But encourage one another daily as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

- **Encourage: To appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore.**

B. There’s a deeper problem in us

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

C. There is a progression

- The deception inside leads to drifting inside, leading to drifting outside and, eventually, unbelief

D. What are you telling yourself?

- **Question – What is it in you that you tell yourself, but if someone heard it, they’d say you’re crazy?**

E. And so brothers and sisters

- Encourage one another, appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore, and entreat

IV. TWO QUESTIONS

1. Who have you given the right to appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore, and entreat you?
2. Who are you able to appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore, and entreat?

Hebrews 10:25 (TPT) This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

See to one another on a regular basis, so that none of you get tricked by sin and drift away from the faith that has made such a difference in your life!