



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Your destination will be determined by your direction, not your desire

Proverbs 4:26-27 (NIV) Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

B. There is a current in life and we tend to drift

C. Hold on

Philippians 3:12-13 (NLT) I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:16-17 (NLT) But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

II. AVOIDING THE DRIFT

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. When you begin to drift – no one really knows because it's on the inside

Encourage—Not, “Good job, atta kid,”—To appeal to, exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore, entreat.

- In other words: I want you in each other's lives. **Beg and implore** so you don't turn from God—know what's going on, when something is off; when you don't show up, attitude goes south
- So you don't have to struggle alone with the current of life, or something that no one else knows anything about
- **Daily** – not a one-time thing, it's a relational thing

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.

C. There's a deeper problem

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

D. Drifting in the inside eventually leads to turning away from God on the outside



III. THE FLOW

A. The solution to the drift

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV & PB's Notes) See to it, brothers and sisters ... that you encourage (exhort, urge strongly, beg, implore) one another daily ... so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

B. A church can be like a lake or a river

C. Who's your posse?

- **The early church was experiencing a current, a force trying to get them to turn from God, what did they do?**

Acts 4:23 (KJV) And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

Acts 4:24 (NKJV) So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

Acts 4:29-31 (NKJV) Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

D. The early church created a current that changed a city...

Acts 8:5, 8 (NKJV) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them ... And there was great joy in that city.