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THANKFUL

in all seasons

"THE SEASON OF DRIFT"

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HEBREWS 2:1-4 (NLT) *So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or WE MAY DRIFT AWAY from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.*

I. WHY WE DRIFT

TRUTH: We drift because it is easy to do so.

TRUTH: Often we aren't aware we're drifting till one day we realize we are where we never thought we'd be, doing what we never thought we'd do.

WHY DID PETER DRIFT?

1. Overconfidence

INSIGHT: There will never be a time in your life, child of God, that you don't need God's providential hand guiding and guarding your life!

2. Weariness

TRUTH: It is always harder to do the right thing. We need spiritual energy to do the right thing in life.

TRUTH: Fatigue is a huge warning light in life.

TRUTH: Fatigue makes us vulnerable to temptation.

3. Immediate gratification (Mark 14:54)

THE PATTERN OUT OF A WALK WITH CHRIST:

1. First they quit giving.

TRUTH: Giving, Jesus said, is the number one indicator of our heart.

2. They stop praying.

3. They stop attending.

II. THE WAY BACK... REMEMBER CHRIST.

INSIGHT: Perhaps the greatest picture of God's grace is communion.

TRUTH: Communion IS FOR God's family, not the world at large.

As we prepare to take The Supper, remember 3 things:

1. God's love can't be earned (Titus 3:5).
2. Our sin is paid for (1 John 2:2 Msg).
3. Communion means God forgives and forgets (Psalm 103).

III. RETURN NOW! Hebrews 3:15; Jeremiah 15:19