

44. Drifting away



Lord I need to tie myself securely to You today. I get so focused on my problems in the classroom, on my health and social life, my finances and all that everyday stuff, that I drift away from You. Brother Lawrence would have me think of You, and sense Your presence in my entire day. When I go home, on goes the TV and a sequence of diversions I do as a routine to block out my work day, and escape the wear and tear of the daily grind. I get up late and cut my quiet time, rush my Bible reading, forget to meditate on any of what I read through, and race out into my worrying day.

How my hair looks and the colour of my dress, and which handbag I choose, all become paramount decisions. My thoughts drift into all sorts of realms too. I am glad that no body on earth sees them. I am more than a bit worried that you are privy to them though. They are hardly healthy, wholesome and positive much of the time.

I am so glad that salvation is not performance ranked and based. You love me just as I am, regardless of the trajectory of my thoughts, or the colour of my dress. It's just because you love me *so* much that I mustn't let myself drift into all the diversions and cul-de-sacs that await me in my day. Tie me to You Lord, never let me go, even if I make risky choices and don't remain vigilant enough. Thank you that Your grace is indeed sufficient for me, *prevenient grace* the older generation called it.

Drifting away in a boat one might not be aware of the movement from safe moorings and into a treacherous current. Drifting from a close relationship with You Jesus, I might not recognise how low I am becoming spiritually, and the way I am exposing myself and those about me to danger. My students and friends/family count on me to protect the

walls about them, and to be pressing forward advancing the kingdom. They trust me not to drift due to wayward currents or over familiarity with the machinery of Christendom. My passion for You Jesus, must burn bright. Kindle anew in me today a greater love for You and Yours.

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

2 Corinthians 13:5

It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off.

Hebrews 2:1

Expose all who drift away from your sayings; their casual idolatry is lethal

Psalms 119:118

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