

## 5 Easy Steps to Wreck Your Life - 2 - How to Lose Your Faith

- **SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY YOUR FAITH.**

*But I'm afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **2 Cor. 11:3***

*19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. 22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. 23 But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." **Matt. 13:19-23***

*We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. **Heb 2:2***

### HOW TO DRIFT FROM GOD IN 5 EASY STEPS

#### 1) **NEGLECT YOUR TIME WITH GOD.**

*O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you... **Ps 63:1***

#### 2) **IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BLAME GOD.**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding... **Prov 3:5***

#### 3) **HANG AROUND BAD INFLUENCES.**

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character..." **1 Cor. 15:33***

#### 4) **GIVE INTO TEMPTATION.**

*14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. **James 1:14-15***

#### 5) **LOVE THIS WORLD MORE THAN YOU LOVE GOD.**

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the father is not in him. **1 John 2:15***

- **IF ALL ELSE FAILS: FAKE IT!**

*The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me... Isa 29:13*

*I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Rev 3:1*

## **RETURNING TO YOUR FIRST LOVE**

*...You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first... Rev 2:4-5*

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) Are you closer to God today than in the past? Why or why not?
- 2) Describe what your time with God looked like this past week. If you didn't seek him, be honest.
- 3) We examined different ways to drift from God including: neglecting time with God, blaming God, hanging around bad influences, giving into temptation, loving the world more than God, and if all else fails, faking it. What is the one area you need to work on most? What specific action step are you going to take?