

DON'T DRIFT HOLD FAST NO DRAWING BACK

HEBREWS

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Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, **lest we drift away.**

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

Hebrews 2:1

- Drifting happens gradually, not suddenly. A person rarely abandons truth overnight; they slowly become less attentive, less prayerful, and less responsive to God.
- Drifting begins when we stop paying careful attention to what we have heard. Neglecting Scripture, sound doctrine, and faithful teaching leaves the heart vulnerable.

Hebrews 2:1

- Drifting may look harmless because there is no open rebellion. You can drift while still attending church, speaking Christian language, and appearing outwardly religious.
- Drifting is often revealed through weakening convictions. Truths once firmly believed become negotiable when culture, relationships, disappointment, or pressure challenge them.

Hebrews 3:12–13

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief **in departing from the living God**; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be **hardened** through the **deceitfulness of sin**.

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

Hebrews 3:12–13

- Departing begins in the heart before it appears in someone's behavior. A person may remain outwardly connected to church while inwardly withdrawing from trust in God.
- Unbelief causes us to question God's character and promises. Hardship, disappointment, or unanswered questions can become occasions for doubting God rather than continuing to trust Him.

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Hebrews 3:12–13

- Hardening happens when conviction is repeatedly resisted. What once troubled the conscience can eventually become tolerated, defended, and even celebrated.
- Daily exhortation helps prevent spiritual departure. God uses faithful believers to encourage, correct, strengthen, and remind one another to keep trusting Him while it is still called “Today.”

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Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession.**

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Hebrews 4:14

- We remain convinced that Jesus is the Son of God and our great High Priest, even when culture, hardship, or opposition pressures us to compromise.
- Holding fast does not mean never struggling. It means bringing our weaknesses, questions, and temptations to Christ instead of allowing them to drive us away from Him.

Hebrews 4:14

- Holding fast is demonstrated through continued trust and obedience. Our confession is more than words; it is revealed by following Christ when faithfulness becomes difficult or costly.
- Holding fast rests on Christ's sufficiency, not our strength. We persevere because our great High Priest has passed through the heavens, represents us before the Father, and provides mercy and grace in our time of need.

Hebrews 6:11–12

And we desire that each one of you show the same **diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end, **that you do not become sluggish**, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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Hebrews 6:11–12

- Sluggishness is spiritual laziness and dullness. It describes becoming slow, careless, and unresponsive toward God's Word, His promises, and our Christian responsibilities.
- Sluggishness replaces diligence with complacency. Prayer becomes irregular, Scripture receives little attention, worship becomes optional, and obedience is continually postponed.

Hebrews 6:11–12

- Sluggishness does not always mean abandoning the faith. It often begins with settling into spiritual inactivity—knowing what should be done but lacking the urgency to do it.
- Diligence means maintaining hope “until the end.” Believers continue **trusting, serving, obeying, and pursuing spiritual maturity** even when progress seems slow or circumstances are discouraging.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us **hold fast the confession** of our hope **without wavering**, for He who promised is faithful.

NEW KING JAMES VERSION

Hebrews 10:23

- Wavering is allowing fear, doubt, pressure, or disappointment to weaken our confidence in what we have professed about Christ.
- Wavering often appears when circumstances contradict our expectations.

Hebrews 10:23

- Wavering can produce inconsistent Christian living. A person may confess Christ boldly in one setting but compromise, remain silent, or retreat when faithfulness becomes uncomfortable.
- Holding fast means refusing to surrender our hope. We acknowledge our emotions and questions, but we do not permit them to become the final authority over God's Word.

Hebrews 10:24–25

And let us **consider one another** in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling** of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, **but exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Hebrews 10:26–31

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

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Hebrews 10:26–31

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

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Hebrews 10:26–31

For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Drawing Back

- Stops giving earnest attention to the Word
- Tolerates unbelief until the heart hardens
- Withdraws from the church's fellowship and correction
- Loosens the confession to avoid pressure or discomfort
- Treats Christ as one option instead of the only sacrifice

Holding Fast

- Keeps returning to what God has spoken
- Receives daily exhortation and gives it to others
- Remains present in the gathered life of the church
- Confesses Christ even when faith is costly
- Endures through faith, patience, and confidence in God

THE PASTORAL PROGRESSION

Perseverance is faith lived in community

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- 03 — DON'T ABANDON THE CONFESSION
- 04 — DON'T ABANDON ONE ANOTHER
- 05 — HOLD FAST TO CHRIST

“We are not of those who draw back...” — Hebrews 10:39