

DECEMBER 4

“IF ONE FAILS TO TIE UP THE VESSEL, WHEN THE TIDES CHANGE, IT WILL DRIFT AWAY.”

READ

Hebrews 2:1-4

There are constant warnings in the Bible to the believer to be careful, to be watchful, to pray, to avoid sin, to flee the appearance of evil. In Hebrews, there's this glaring reminder that it is possible to drift away. To keep from doing this, we have to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard. That means you don't let preaching and Scripture just run through your mind. You grab it, and let it take root in your life. "Give the more earnest heed" — this is a warning. Put up the antenna of your soul and listen. Open your heart, and receive it, because it is possible to drift away. In a nautical sense, drift has to do with movement due to currents. If one fails to properly moor, or tie up the vessel, when the tide begins to change, the boat will drift away. The tide doesn't come in quickly. It is almost imperceptible. That's why people get stranded on sand bars. The tide is silent and slow, but it is sure. That's why anybody who deals with sailing, or oceans, understands: don't leave your boat untethered or it will drift away.

PRAY

Lord, help me to make my faith secure. As the tides of this world are changing, You are still the same. I don't want to drift away. I don't want to be neglectful. I want to be tied to You.

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