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**“Let’s Decrease Departures from the Faith”**

1 Timothy 4:1–5

Palm Sunday

The Lord’s Day Morning

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Much has been written about the decline of church membership in America, deconstruction, and the departures of highly visible people from the Christian faith. Our response? First, don’t be surprised because this was predicted. Jesus warned that “many false prophets will arise and lead many astray” and “the love of many will grow cold” (Mt. 24:11–12). Second, don’t lose hope because Jesus promised to build his church and “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18).

By God’s grace, there are three things we can do to decrease the departures from “the faith.”

1. Install \_\_\_\_\_ to defeat  
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2. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy  
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3. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ to deflate  
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