

How To Not Get Sucked into the Drift

Break The Drift

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OPENING QUESTION

"What is one habit or practice that helps you stay focused and avoid 'drifting' from your goals or purpose in life?"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Main Reading:

John 15:1-11

Extra Reading:

Matthew 16:24-25

Romans 11:17-22

KEY TAKE AWAYS

1. **The Importance of Remaining:**

- The text emphasized the need to "remain" in Jesus, as described in John 15:1-11. Remaining involves staying connected to Jesus, who is the source of life and spiritual nourishment.

2. **The Process of Pruning:**

- There are two types of branches—those that bear fruit and are pruned to become more fruitful, and those that do not bear fruit and are removed. Pruning is part of the growth process and involves God removing things from our lives to increase our fruitfulness.

3. **Sources of Life:**

- The text highlighted the importance of identifying and remaining connected to the true source, Jesus, rather than looking for fulfillment in other areas such as jobs, relationships, or hobbies.

4. **Encouragement to Seek Restoration:**

- Like Peter, who was restored after drifting, believers are encouraged that Jesus restores us when we turn back to Him.

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus describes Himself as the "vine" and us as the "branches"? How does this imagery shape your understanding of your relationship with Him?
2. In verses 2-3, Jesus talks about pruning. Can you identify an area in your life where God might be pruning you to encourage growth and fruitfulness? How do you respond to these times of pruning?
3. Verse 5 emphasizes the importance of remaining in Jesus to bear much fruit. What practical steps can you take in your daily life to ensure you are staying connected to the vine? *Hint: look at the practice below*
4. "Reflecting on Peter's experience of denying Jesus and then being restored by Him, what steps can we take to seek restoration and reconnect with Jesus after experiencing our own moments of spiritual drift?"

PRACTICE

How To Remain

Here are four practical ways we can “remain” with Jesus.

- 1. Pray daily to stay connected with God.**
- 2. Read the Bible daily and allow it to shape you.**
- 3. Engage with and build up the local church community.**
- 4. Give back to God regularly of your time, talent, and treasure.**

Be honest with your community and share where in these four practices you are the weakest and ask for accountability to grow closer to Jesus! Make a plan!

CLOSING PRAYER

As you close in prayer, focus on seeking God's guidance to remain connected to Jesus, openness to His pruning for greater growth, and His grace in restoring you after times of spiritual drift.