

THE DANGER OF DRIFTING AWAY:

What has happened to all your joy?

(Galatians 4.8-20)

Central Idea: *After coming to know the truth of the gospel, we must guard against the danger of spiritually drifting away.*

I. Paul's Fear for the Galatians (8-11)

A. Their past unbelief (8)

B. Their present experience (9a)

C. Their primary problem (9b-11)

II. Paul's Hope for the Galatians (12-20)

A. A warm beginning (12-15)

B. A strained present (16-18)

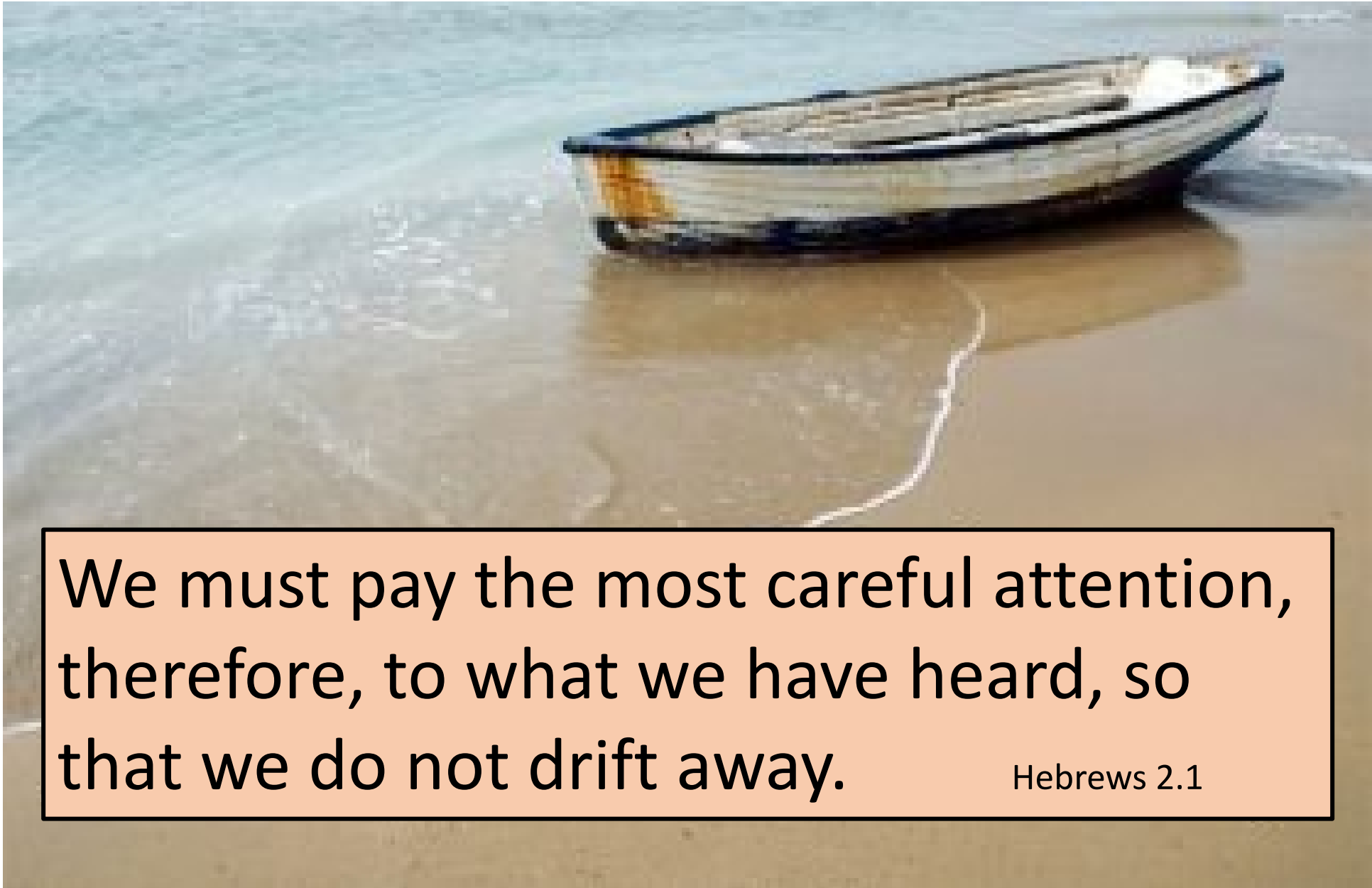
C. A hopeful future (19-20)

Questions for Personal or Group Consideration

1. In what areas of your life are you enjoying the freedom of a child of God? In what areas are you still behaving like a slave, as if your salvation hung in the balance?
2. Pastor Chuck mentioned several things that cause believers to drift away from the Lord. Can you relate to any of them? Can you think of others? What idols are you in most danger of serving?
3. What helps you most in maintaining an intimate, joyful relationship with Jesus?
4. How does God knowing you reassure you today?
5. Why do you think Paul refused to give up on the Galatian church?

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *"The Danger of Drifting Away: What has happened to all your joy?"* is the tenth message in a series on the New Testament book of Galatians. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org. You may also stream and download CBC podcasts from itunes or google play.

A photograph of a small, weathered wooden boat on a sandy beach. The boat is positioned in the middle ground, with waves crashing against its side. The water is a light blue-grey color, and the sand is a warm, golden-brown hue. The boat's reflection is visible in the shallow water. The overall scene conveys a sense of isolation and vulnerability.

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therefore, to what we have heard, so
that we do not drift away.

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