

# the **DRIFT** *live the Gospel*

## **Day 1—READ Galatians 1:6-8**

Every day we have multiple opportunities to drift away from God. Events happen that distract us and confuse us and tire us. In your own words, write what the Gospel is to you. Why is it good news to you today?

*To one degree or another,  
every day we are being pulled away from the story of God  
and being tempted to live a different story that is not a good story.*

Take some time today to EVALUATE how you're being pulled away from God's good story.

## **Day 2—READ Galatians 1:3-4**

Christ gave Himself for our sins. He died and was resurrected so that we can live resurrected lives even now! We don't have to wait for heaven for a new life, "the Kingdom of God is at hand" and within reach. You can have a relationship with Jesus today that breathes life and peace into your circumstances. This journey is hard at times, but we have the opportunity to travel light without dragging our mistakes along with us. We can live with grace and peace leaving that baggage behind us. If you need some freedom from your heavy load today, ask God to take your burden from you. Be willing to follow where He leads. He wants to give you a new life and a new identity. READ Ephesians 1:3-14.

## **Day 3—READ Galatians 3:1-3**

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. *2 Corinthians 4:17*

These words written by the Apostle Paul came after he was beaten, betrayed, imprisoned, and shipwrecked *multiple* times. He does not speak lightly but as one with deep experience. Even still, he calls them "light and momentary." To those of us dealing with grief, addiction, broken relationships, upside-down finances and such, "light and momentary" is not what we want to hear. But maybe you have some other heavy trouble way back in your past that doesn't seem as bad now as it did then.

In that light, we begin to see, as Paul did, that our troubles really can be light and momentary. Paul didn't live in a distorted Gospel but in the relationship he had with Jesus. Like Paul, we have a hope in something so wonderful that we can't even imagine it, but sometimes we get glimpses of it. What do you put your hope in today?

## **Day 4—READ Galatians 1:3-5**

*Too many people leave the Gospel in the past.  
The Apostle Paul wants us to make the Gospel,  
not just something we believe but more importantly,  
God's good story we enter that shapes the way we live.*

God wants "to rescue us from the present evil age." It's not hard to see that there's evil in the world. The news is full of anger, hatred, and violence. That's obvious to us. What's not so obvious is when we drift away from God in the small day to day things. If you woke up this morning believing the Gospel, what does that mean to you? How does it determine the course of your day?

To live according to the *true* Gospel is to live in right relationship with God. When we're in right relationship with God, the Holy Spirit whispers to us and convicts us and empowers us to live right. With that same power from the Holy Spirit, we can live free of the fears of this world and fully in the overwhelming love of God. SPEND some time in reflection. Is the Holy Spirit trying to call you back into right relationship? Or give you hope? Or empower your steps?

## **Day 5—READ Galatians 1:3-5**

MAKE a list of several ways that you can focus on God this week, deepen your relationship with Him, and live out the Gospel. What practices are the most life giving to you? Is it listening to music or a walk in the woods or reading scripture? If you're not sure, try some of things you listed and note the things that fill up your soul.

## **Go Deeper**

Recommended reading:

The book of *Galatians*

*The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith