

Sermon Notes
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: THE FALLING AWAY
“Slip Slidin’ Away” (Apostasy)
February 13, 2022

Hebrews 4:12–13: (The word of God is alive and powerful.)

2 Thessalonians 2:1–3 (The apostasy-falling away)

APOSTASY? Those in the church defecting from the true God, the Bible, and the Christian faith. It’s a rebellion against the truth... abandonment of the truth. The King James Bible translates this the “falling away.”

- **Hebrews 6:4–6** (One of the strongest warnings in Scripture about falling away.)
- **Matthew 24:4-13** (Jesus warns us that “many will turn away.”)
- **2 Timothy 4:3–4** (Apostle Paul warns Timothy that there will be a rejection of the truth and people will follow after myths.)
- **John 10:27–29** (No one can snatch them out of my hand! True! But can you stop listening to the Shepherd’s voice and walk out of his hand?)
- **Romans 8:35–39** (Asks a question and then answers the question but does not include “you.” Can you separate yourself from the love of Christ?)
- **2 Peter 2:1-22** (False teachers will come and pull many away from the truth.)
- **Acts 20:29–31** (Apostle Paul’s warning came with tears!)

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

1. Develop a heart of worship. (Acts 13:1-3)

- **Ephesians 5:18–20 (NLT)** ¹⁸ Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Find shepherds who long to know the Heart of God the Father.

- **Jeremiah 3:15–18 (NIV)** ¹⁵ Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.
- They help you answer the question: “*Did God say?*” Is that His will for your life?
- Jesus said, “*I came to do the will of the Father.*”
- Jesus in Gethsemane: Luke 22:42: Find shepherds who are willing to do the will of God no matter what the cost is!

3. Resist forming ungodly alliances! (Isaiah 30:2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

- **An alliance** is a union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations in this case individuals.
- **Exodus 23:32: Do not make covenants with them - “snare”**
- **Isaiah 30:1-8**
- **2 Corinthians 6:14-18: “Unequally yoked”**

4. Speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:11–16)

- Love can be confrontational and not always seen as “nice.”

5. Keep yourself accountable.

- **1 Corinthians 11:28** “Examine yourself”; This is not something you can always do alone.
- **Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)** As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

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