

# HOW ARE YOU CAPTAINING YOUR SHIP?

## HEBREWS 2:1

### I. COMMON THOUGHTS ABOUT DRIFTING

#### 1. Drifting requires no effort

\*Stop rowing and the boat will drift-

\*Same in the Christian life- Heb. 2:1

#### 2. It is an unconscious process

\*The undercurrent will drift your boat-

\*Same in the Christian life- individuals and churches drifting into error-

#### 3. You will never drift upstream

\*Faithfulness to God is like rowing upstream-

\*We must constantly continue to grow- II Pet. 1:5, 3:18

#### 4. As we float downstream our speed increases and we become a danger to others

\*When you can hear the waterfall it is too late-

\*As believers, the farther we drift the less likely we are to hear God-

\*A drifting ship is a hazard to all other ships-

\*Many drifters are tossed around by the wind- Eph. 4:11-16

#### 5. A drifting life will end in shipwreck

\*You will end up crashing on the rocks or go over the falls-

\*For those who drift spiritually, there is no escaping the punishment- Heb. 2:1-3

### II. COMMON SIGNS YOU ARE DRIFTING

#### 1. A lack of desire to study God's word and pray

\*The Bible provides instruction for daily life- Ps. 1:1-3

\*Jesus loved communicating with His Father- Mk. 1:35, 6:46; Lk. 18:1

2. A lack of desire to be with God's people

\*We should be excited about our corporate worship time- Ps. 122:1

\*It should extend beyond that into everyday life- Rom. 14:19; Heb. 3:13

\*The right friends will strengthen you and the wrong ones will lead you to sin-  
Ecc. 4:9-12; I Cor. 15:33

3. A lack of desire to share the Gospel

\*There is a desire to say it and show it- Acts 8:4; I Thess. 1:8

4. An increasing desire for the things of the world

\*Do we treasure God or this world more- I Jn. 2:15-17

\*Do we have an increasing enjoyment for things of this world- II Tim. 3:1-5

### III. HOW DO WE STOP DRIFTING

1. Keep rowing- II Cor. 4:16; Phil. 3:12-15; II Pet. 1:5-10

2. Watch out for the undercurrents- Gal. 5:16-18; I Pet. 2:11

3. Expect to go against the tide- Matt. 7:13-14

4. You must have a strong anchor-

\*Grounded in Christ- Col. 2:6-7

\*Anchored to the truth- Eph. 4:14-15

Are you drifting toward the rocks of spiritual destruction?

Are you floating to the waterfall of a ruined life?