

STOPPING THE DRIFT

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Last week we looked at a time where Israel had drifted from the presence of God and David corrected the 42-year drift by bringing the Ark of God which represented the Presence of God back to the people of God. The truth is we all have a tendency to drift from the presence of God in our own life.

Paul, Peter and the Author of Hebrews want to help us Stop the Drift

σπουδη – spoude – “diligence” “make haste” “get after something
NIV translates this word “Make every effort”

To stop our lives from drifting away from the presence of God we need to Make Every Effort to...

1. Maintain Relationships in the Church

1 Thessalonians 2:17, “But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.”

2. Maintain Unity in the Church

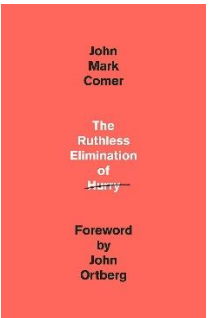
Ephesians 4:3, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

3. Find Rest in God

Hebrews 4:10-11, “There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

“You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. John said Okay, what else?’ There is nothing else. Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life.” Dallas Willard

“The problem isn’t when you have a lot to do; it’s when you have too much to do and the only way to keep the quota up is to hurry.” John Mark Comer



4. Continue to Grow Spiritually

2 Peter 1:5-8, “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

AW Tozer, “Many Christians are satisfied with their destination but neglect the journey.”

5. Be Found Ready

2 Peter 3:14, “So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.