

***Closer Week One- The Drift***  
***January 11, 2026***

**Vision Scripture for 2026: James 4:8 NLT**

**“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”**

**In 2026, Sanctuary Church commits to the vision of being...**

**Closer to Him**

**Closer to One Another**

**Closer to the Harvest**

We start with this question, and my desire is that everyone of you will answer it truthfully and for His glory...

Where are you?

Once you know where you are, you can determine if you need to be closer.

It's kind of a trick question because the truth is that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, amen? So by agreement, all of us have a need to get closer to God in our lives.

**Sermon Scripture: Hebrews 2:1 NKJV**

**“Therefore we must give more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest we drift away.”**

**Spiritual drifting may be unintentional but is not accidental.**

**Spiritual drifting may be unintentional but is not unexpected.**

**Spiritual drifting may be unintentional but is not acceptable.**

## **Finding our Way Back from the Drift**

1. Find a point of reference. For believers, this is the Word of God.
2. Begin to paddle in the right direction. The drift may have been unintentional, but making your way back to Jesus starts with a decision to move towards Him. A decision without action is just a dream.
3. Keep going. It's ok to rest, but don't give up. It took time to drift away, it will take time to get back to where you want to be.
4. Ask others for help if needed. Sometimes, we need others to help pull us in the right direction or to simply encourage us. There is no shame in asking for help!
5. Keep your eye on the goal. As you get closer and closer, excitement and faith will build in your life.

### ***A Drifter's Prayer...***

***Jesus, I need you. I know that I am not as close to You as I could be. I have drifted. Forgive me and wash me in Your blood. Help me to make a decision to get closer to you. Help me recognize the currents that take me away from you and into danger. Give me the strength to keep going in my faith and not give up. Lead me into the still waters and restore my soul. In the mighty and powerful name of Jesus, Amen.***

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