

A small, weathered white wooden boat is shown from a high-angle perspective, floating on a body of water. A seagull is perched on the bow of the boat. The water's surface is highly reflective, mirroring the sky above, which is filled with soft, golden light from a low sun, creating a shimmering effect. The boat's reflection is clearly visible in the water below it.

Are You Drifting?

A slow and gradual movement or change from one place or condition to another.



Heb 2:1 “We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, [re Salvation v1] *lest we drift.*”

How *Close* Can You Get to The Edge?

Niagara Falls:

6,000,000 cu ft of
water rush over the
falls every minute
during peak day-
time hours
at 68 mph
at the
brink.



Things We Should Know About Drifting

1. DRIFTING REQUIRES **NO EFFORT!**



Just stop Rowing.
Float.

Get Distracted.

(Luke 8:14)

Get Discouraged.

(Jer 20:7-10)

Become Lazy. (Prov 6:9) “How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?”

Things We Should Know About Drifting

2. IT'S AN **UNCONSCIOUS** PROCESS !



Rev 3:2 “**Wake up**, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die..”

Things We Should Know About Drifting

3. We **Never** Drift **Upstream** or Against the **Tide** !



You are always
“**Adding** to your faith”
(2 Pet 1:5-7)

You must continue
“to **Grow** in grace &
knowledge” (2Pe 3:18)

The day you stop growing—
you start going backwards or downwards.

Things We Should Know About Drifting



4. *The Speed*

Increases

Downstream!

Danger increases
with the ***speed***
of the drift.

If you hear the noise of the waterfall, it may be already too late. (Ps 32:6) ***Flood of great water...***

As we move farther and farther from the Lord,
we care less & less about what we do. (Jer 6:16)

Things We Should Know About Drifting

5. Drifting is **Dangerous** to Others !



The wreckage in this picture resulted in **injuries**.

Parents who are just drifting, will

soon lose golden opportunities to teach their children. (Eph 6:4). There's a window !

Many are **tossed to and fro** and carried about by every wind of doctrine. (**Eph 4:14**)

Things We Should Know About Drifting

6. *Drifting Ends In Shipwreck*



Boats crash on the rocks
or go over the falls.

1 Tim 1:19 Faith
& a good conscience,
which some rejected
& suffered **shipwreck**.

For those who drift spiritually through their own
neglect, ***punishment is inescapable.*** (Heb 2:3)

Common Signs of Drifting

- Little desire to **pray**. (1 Thes 5:17) Pray w/o cease..
- Continuing & **increasing sin**. (Isa 5:18; Lk 11:24-26)
- No interest in **Bible reading**. (Ps 119:18, 24, 74, 148)
- Little interest in going to **worship**. (Ps 122:1) Glad
- Agitated at **preaching**. When over? (Amos 8:5)
- Increased thrill in **worldly things**? (1 John 2:15-16)
- No interest talking of **spiritual things**? (2 Sa 23:2)
- Conscience seared. **Sin not as painful**? (1 Tim 4:2)
- No interest being **with believers**? (Heb 10:24-25)

Remedies to take if You Are Drifting

1. Start *Rowing Again* !



(Rev 2:4-5) “ Left your first love.

Repent and do the deeds you did at first.”

***Christ delights* to forgive drifters (Lk 15:7)**

Remedies to take if You Are Drifting

2. Keep Paddling! *It's not retirement*

Phil 3:12 ***"I press on,***
in order that I may lay
hold of that for which
also I was laid hold of
by Christ Jesus.

v13 I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it
yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind
and reaching forward to what lies ahead..

**v14 I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."**



Remedies to take if You Are Drifting

**3. Listen to the promptings of
your *conscience*.**



**1 Tim 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love
from a pure heart and *a good conscience*
and a sincere faith.**

Remedies to take if You Are Drifting

4. Watch for *Undercurrents*

**Gal 5:
v19-21**

1 Peter 2:11 “***Abstain from fleshly lusts***, which wage war against the soul. **12** Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles.

Remedies to take if You Are Drifting

5. You May Have to Paddle **Upstream**



Matt 7:14 “*The way is narrow* that leads to life, and few are those who find it. “

You face peer-pressure, materialism, alcohol-drug culture, atheism, agnosticism, false religions, rejection of authority, cyber addiction, self-esteem, society calling evil-good, and good-evil. (Isa 5:20)

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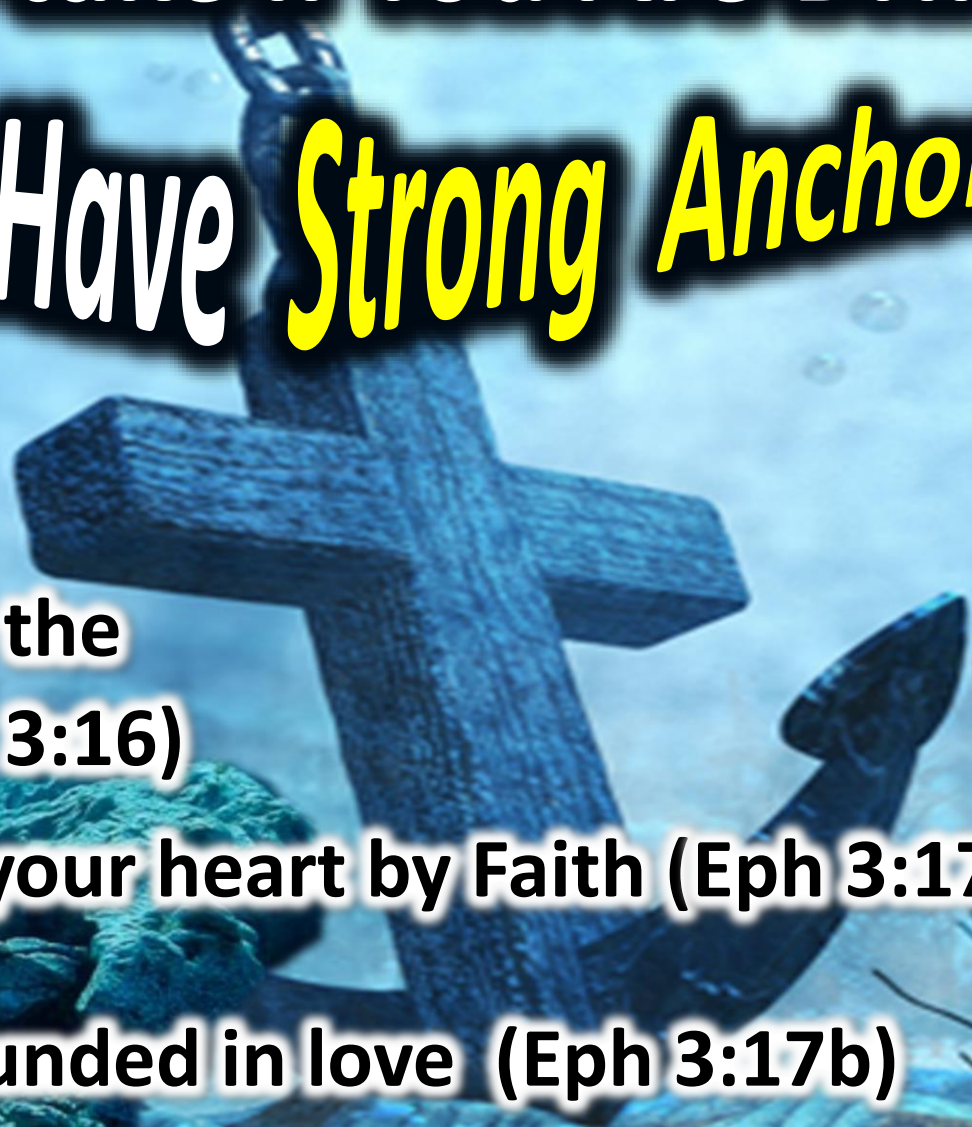
6. You Must Have **Strong Anchorage**

Strengthened in the
Inner Man (Eph 3:16)

Christ dwells in your heart by Faith (Eph 3:17a)

Rooted and Grounded in love (Eph 3:17b)

Unshakable hope as an anchor (Heb 6:18-19)



Remember Who Died For You

