

**SCC SMALL GROUP FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT SERIES**  
**LONG HAUL DEVELOPMENT Part 7 of 8**  
**Sunday Message – October 23, 2022**

**Getting Started:**

Pastor Scott talked about each of us having a tendency to drift away from God. Can you identify a time or season that this happened to you?

There are several reasons that people “walk away” from God (don’t want rules for living, issues with the Old Testament, not accepting the historical account of Jesus ministry and resurrection). Have any of these been a hinderance for you at some point in your life? How is this situation different than passively “drifting away” from God?

**Ask someone to read Hebrews 2:1 and Colossians 1:23.** What do you think the “truth” is that these verses are describing?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**GODLY CHARACTER FIGHTS THE DRIFT**

A. Do you feel like you tend to drift when things get tough? How does it draw you back to old ways of thinking, feeling and behaving?

B. 2 Corinthians 1:3 talks about God the Father being the source of all comfort. When you have had a bad day, what kind of comfort do you seek?

C. Psalm 119:28 says that God's Word strengthens us in our grief. How have life's challenges tempted you to neglect His Word, and what has been the result?

D. Conversely, how has God's Word strengthened you or corrected your drifting?

E. Philippians 3:14 encourages us to press on for "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus": How has having godly goals helped you stay focused?

F. Romans 5:2 says we can boast in the hope we have of God's grace. How has this truth helped you during times of anxiety, stress or depression?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 emphasizes God's eternal comfort and wonderful hope. Where in your life do you need these today?

B. Challenges, fuzzy goals, and stress are the main culprits when it comes to drifting from God. Which of these would you like to address as a result of this lesson?

For additional encouragement on this topic, check out the five day study plan: "Drifting" in the YouVersion Bible app <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/20703>