

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

Pay Attention

Are you paying attention? Are you taking a firm grip on what you have heard? Yes, I think I am paying attention. **Who are you paying attention to?** I am paying attention to you. I am listening carefully to all that you want to say to me. I have carved out a time and a place to meet with you every day in your word. **What happens when you meet with me?** I stop everything and give myself fully to you. I lean in to hear all that you might want to say to me. The noise from the world quiets down. The crazy pace of life stops. All others demands for my mind are set aside. I enter into your presence to devote myself fully to you. Yes, I am paying attention to you. **I can see that you are.**

Why are you so devoted to paying attention to me? Why do you so passionately want to hear from me? I want to know you. I want to love you. I want to follow you. You are my Lord and Savior. You gave yourself fully to me. I want to give myself fully to you. There is no place that I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing that I would rather do than listen to you. I know that you are changing me. My heart is not the same. My mind is different. You are allowing me to think your thoughts. You are allowing me to feel your feelings. Day by day you are molding and shaping my life. You are making me to be more like you. I welcome your work in my life. I want to be all that you want me to be. I want to do all that you want me to do. **Keep on coming to me and your desires will be true.**

What won't happen if you keep on coming to me? I won't drift away from you. I won't loose interest in what you want to say to me. I won't grow tired of how you want to work in and through me. **Why is that?** Just the opposite is happening to me, as I pay attention to you. Just the opposite is happening to me, as I take hold of all that you want to teach me. **What do you mean?** Instead of drifting way I want to draw near. I want to be closer and even more attentive. Instead of growing cold and distant I am growing hotter and closer. The closer I am to you the more on fire I am for you. You are setting me on fire to love you and be your witness in the world. **Yes, I am.** You are making me able to be who you have called me to be. You are making me able to do all that you have asked me to do. **Yes, I am.**

Lord, you have my full attention. I will keep my heart and mind and life focused on you. I will firmly hold on to all that I have heard and been taught by you. Keep and guard me from drifting away from you and the life you have given me to live. Amen

So That *Do Not Drift Away*
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NIV Hebrews 2:1

So That *Lest We Drift Away*
Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.
ESV Hebrews 2:1

So That *May Drift Away*
So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.
NLT Hebrews 2:1

So That *Lest We Drift Away*
Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.
NKJV Hebrews 2:1

So That *Do Not Drift Away*
Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.
NRSV Hebrews 2:1

So That *Don't Drift Away*
It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off.
MSG Hebrews 2:1

So That *Lest In Any Way We Drift Away*
SINCE ALL this is true, we ought to pay much closer attention than ever to the truths that we have heard, lest in any way we drift past [them] and slip away.
AMP Hebrews 2:1

So That *May Drift Away*
So we must listen very carefully to the truths we have heard, or we may drift away from them.
TLB Hebrews 2:1

So That *Do Not Drift Away*
For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.
NASB Hebrews 2:1

So That *Not Stray Away*
So we must be more careful to follow what we were taught. Then we will not stray away from the truth.
NCV Hebrews 2:1

Do Not Drift Away

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

So That – Hebrews 2:1

In Context: *Read Hebrews 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you paying attention to Christ and the new life that He has given you to live?

How are you holding on to the truth you have heard and been taught as a follower of Jesus Christ?

How are you making yourself available to the Lord on a daily basis to be taught by Him?

What is likely to distract you from paying attention to Jesus Christ and the life He has called you to live?

What has happened to you when you have not paid close attention to your life in Christ?

What will help you to pay even closer attention to living a life of loving, following and serving Jesus Christ?

How has Jesus Christ gotten your attention to prevent you from drifting away from Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Pay close attention to Jesus Christ and the life that He has given you to live with and for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that Christ will protect you from drifting away as you pay close attention to Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are paying close attention to Christ and the life He has for you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pay close attention to Jesus Christ so that you will not drift away Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will play close attention to you so that I will not drift away from you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I pay even closer attention to you and the life you have called me to live?
