

Outline

Introduction:

Hebrews 1:14 (NASB) ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 13:22 (NASB) ²² But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.

Drifting Away or Drawing Near?



Outline (continued)

I. Drifting Away

Hebrews 2:1 (NASB) ¹ For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

II. Reasons Not to Drift

Hebrews 2:2 (NASB) ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

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Five Reasons Not To Drift Away:

1. _____ that occurred in the Bible Heb 2:2,3a
Angels involved in giving the Law in the OT [Deut 33:2 (LXX)
Acts 7:38,53; Gal 3:19; Heb 2:2;]
 - a. Leviticus 10:1-7 Nadab & Abihu
 - b. Numbers 16 Korah's rebellion
 - c. Joshua 7 Achan's sin;

Transgression –sins of commission Heb 2:2

Disobedience –sins of omission Heb 2:2

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Hebrews 2:3 (NASB) ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Hebrews 10:25-31 (NASB) ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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Romans 2:3 (NASB) 3 But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

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- f. God confirms by _____ and _____ Heb 2:4
- g. Holy Spirit confirms by giving Himself and the _____ of the Holy Spirit Heb 2:4

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Ezra 7:10 (NASB) 10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Conclusion:

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III. Drawing Near - The Opposite of Drifting Away

Hebrews 2:1 (NASB) ¹ For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

James 1:22-25 (NASB) ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

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Outline (continued)

For your personal study this week, the writer of Hebrews gives five warnings in his book to these struggling Christians. Read through these and see what the Holy Spirit would want to say to your heart.

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| Hebrews 2:1-4 | Neglect | Drifting From Word |
| Hebrews 3:7-4:13 | Hard Heart | Doubting the Word |
| Hebrews 5:11-6:20 | Sluggishness | Dullness Towards the Word |
| Hebrews 10:26-39 | Willfulness | Despising the Word |
| Hebrews 12:25-29 | Refusing to Hear | Defying the Word |

For additional reading on warning, read Ezekiel chapters 3 and 33 as well.

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Message slides:

Jesus Is More

The Book of Hebrews

A painting of a wooden sailing ship on a dark sea under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The ship is on the right side of the frame, with its sails partially set. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the horizon is low, with a hint of light from the sun setting or rising. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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Hebrews 2:1-4 (NASB)

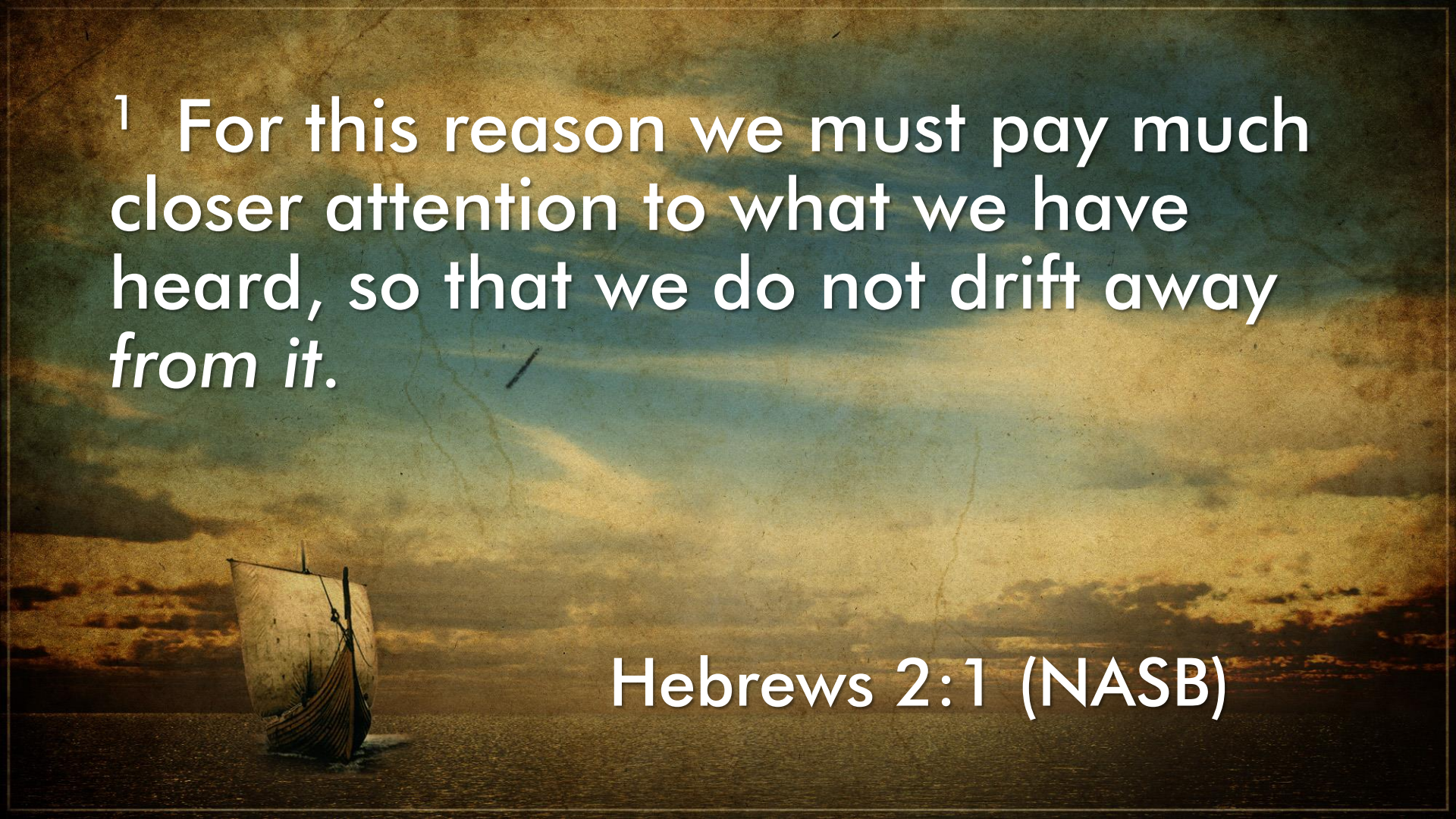
I. Drifting Away

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#wordandwonder #hymnoftheweek
#comethoufount

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it!
prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

WORD
& wonder
With the body. Deep love.

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II. Reasons Not to Drift

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1. Judgment in the Bible

Five Reasons Not To Drift:



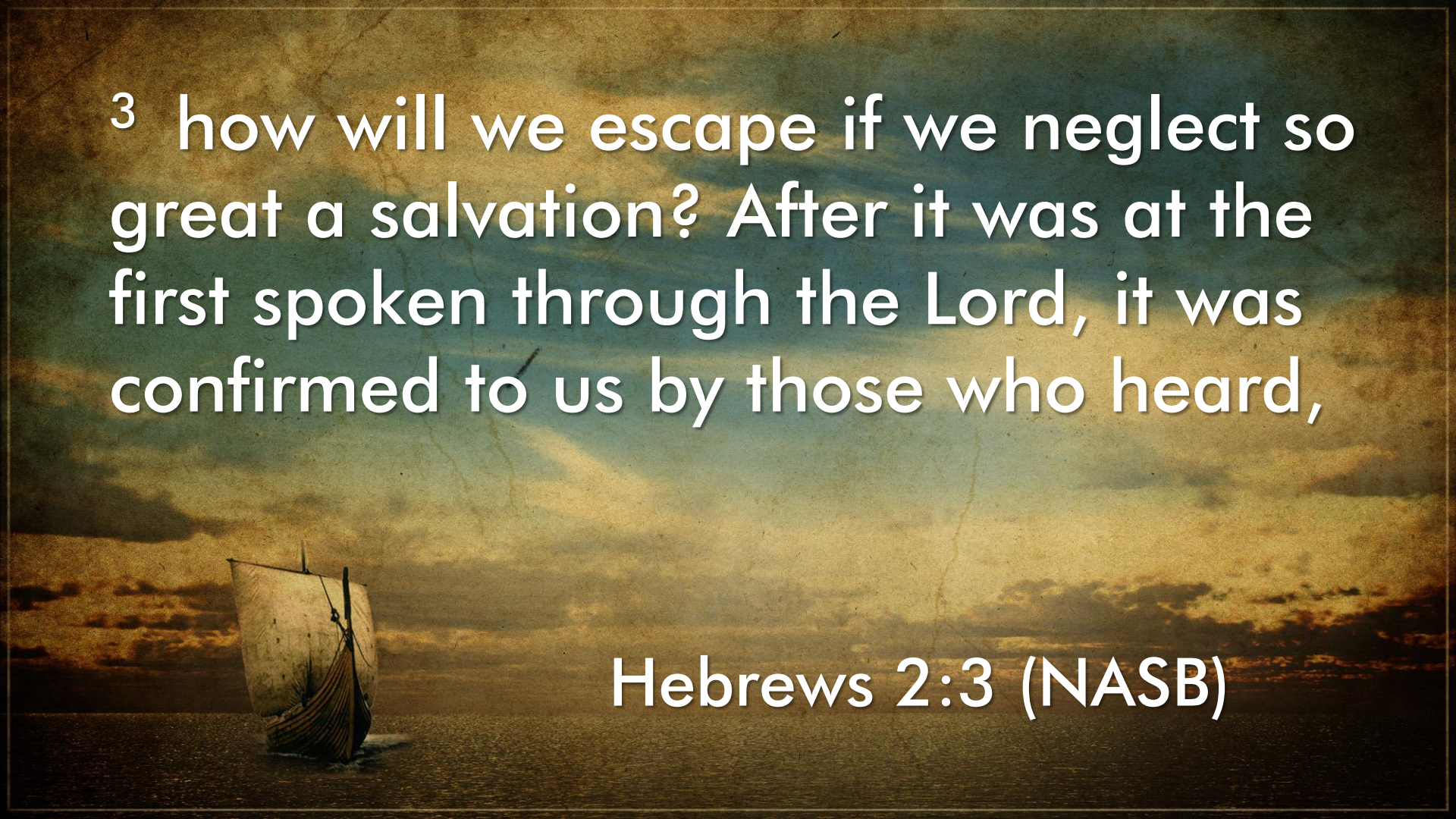
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2. Came by Jesus

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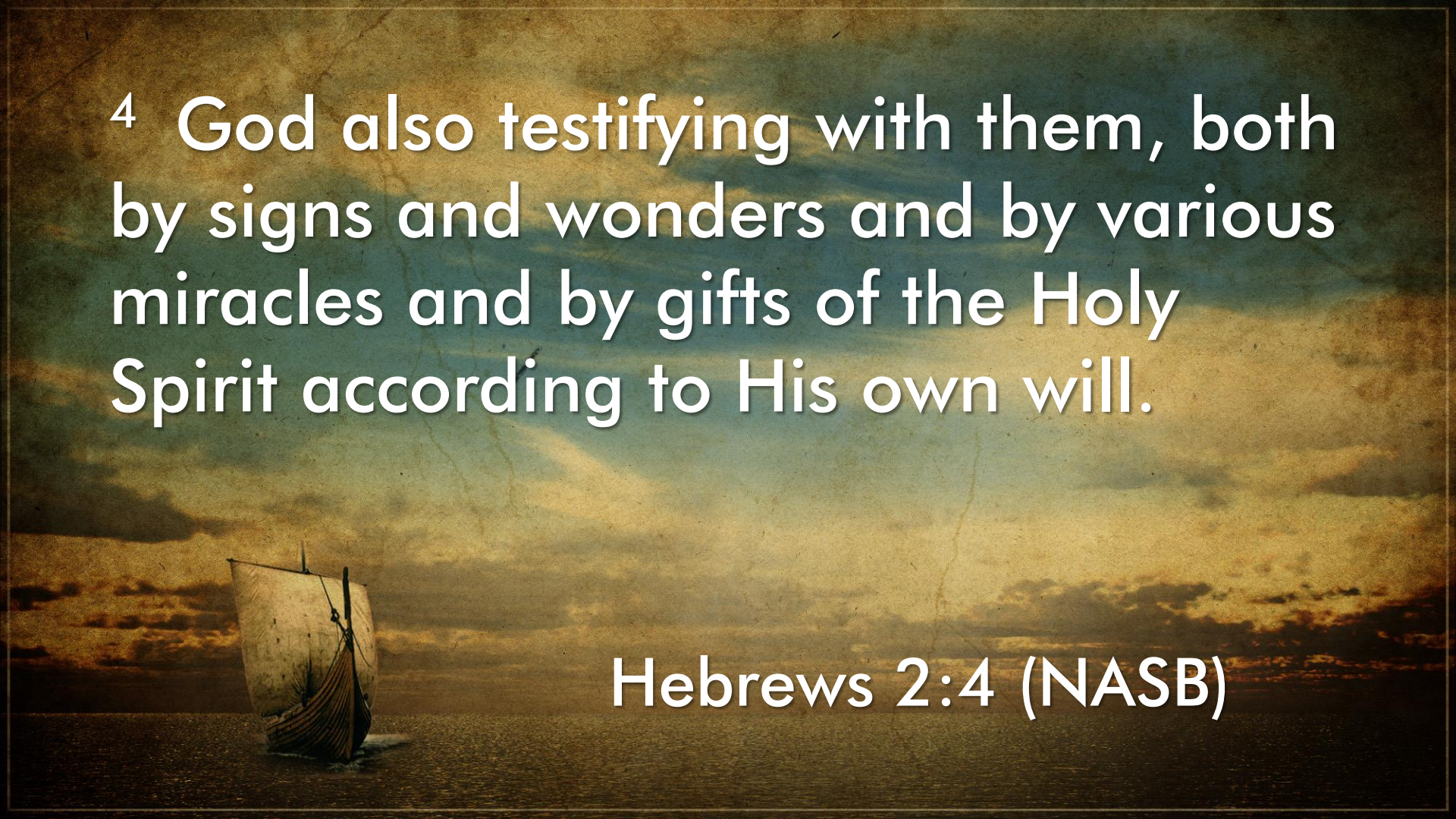
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4. God Confirmed by signs & wonders

Five Reasons Not To Drift:



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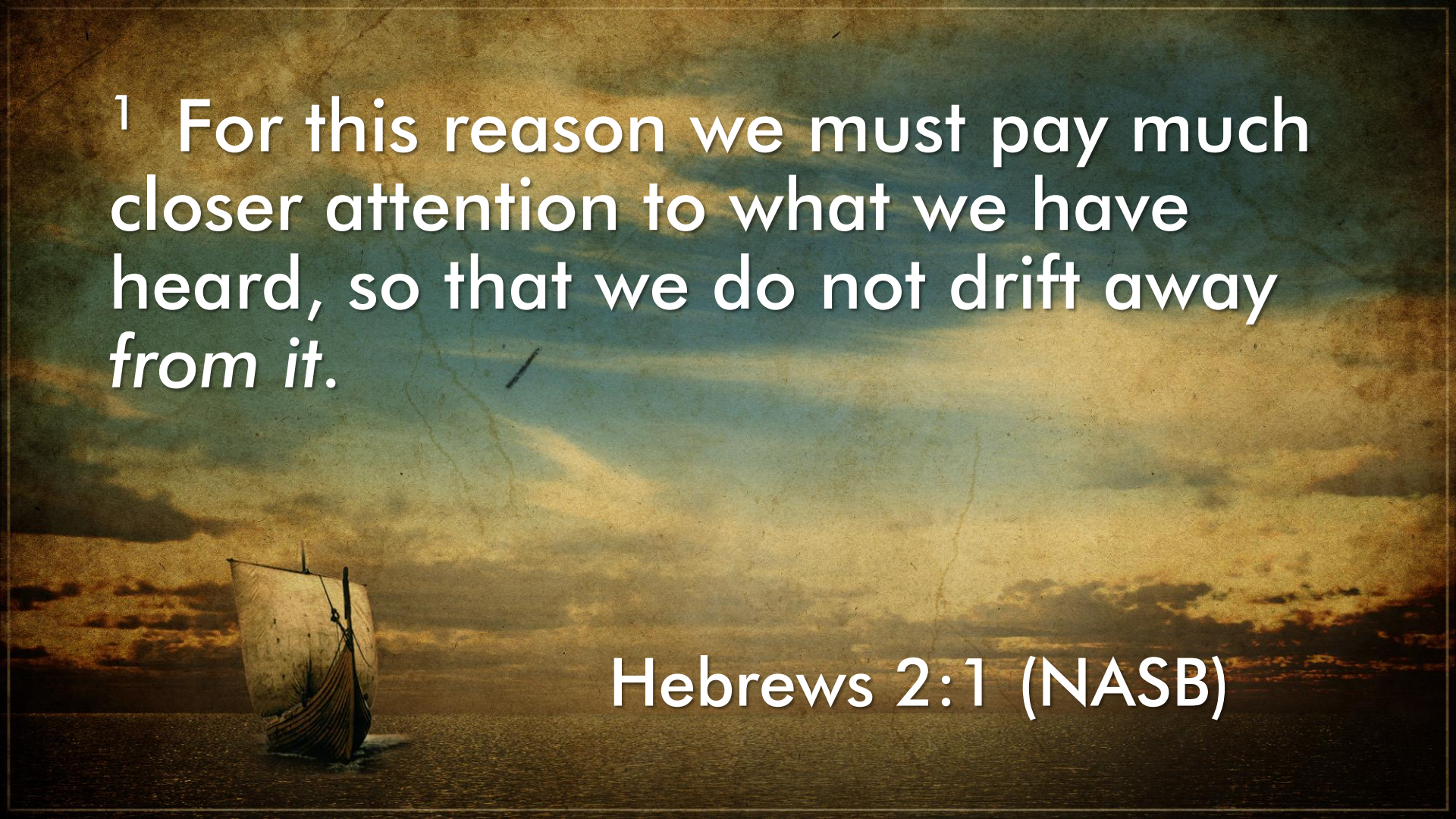
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Questions

1. Back in school, what subject matter were you least attentive to? Why?
2. When your parents went away, who were you “subject to” as a child? How did you look upon this person or the rules imposed on you?
3. In the book of Hebrews, the writer has 5 main places and warnings where he exhorts his readers. Read through the five sections on the next slide and share your impressions with the small group.

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Questions (continued)

5 warnings in Hebrews

Hebrews 2:1-4

Neglect

Drifting From Word

Hebrews 3:7-4:13

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Hebrews 12:25-29

Refusing to Hear Defying the Word

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Questions (continued)

4. How do you respond when people give you warnings? How would you like to respond when people give you warnings?
5. Are warnings helpful or harming to you? What is the intent of a warning? What is God speaking to you through this sermon and study?
6. What does it mean to “drift away” from the Words of the Bible or the gospel? (Hebrews 2:1)
7. What is the answer to the rhetorical question in Hebrews 2:3?

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Questions (continued)

8. When (if ever) did you drift away from the faith? Why? What evidences or person helped bring you back?
9. What are some of the things in life that might tempt you to lose your faith: After a big loss? When you seem to be making very well on your own? When things are not going your way? When Christianity is mocked on TV talk shows?
10. How do you feel about the judgments of God upon people in the Bible? Do you feel it is fair or unfair?
11. If you were to begin to passionately pursue God and draw near to Him, what is one of the first things you could do to enhance this in your life right now?

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A small wooden boat with a single sail is positioned in the lower right corner of the image. The boat is on a calm sea, and the background shows a sunset or sunrise with a warm, golden glow over the horizon. The overall scene is serene and contemplative.