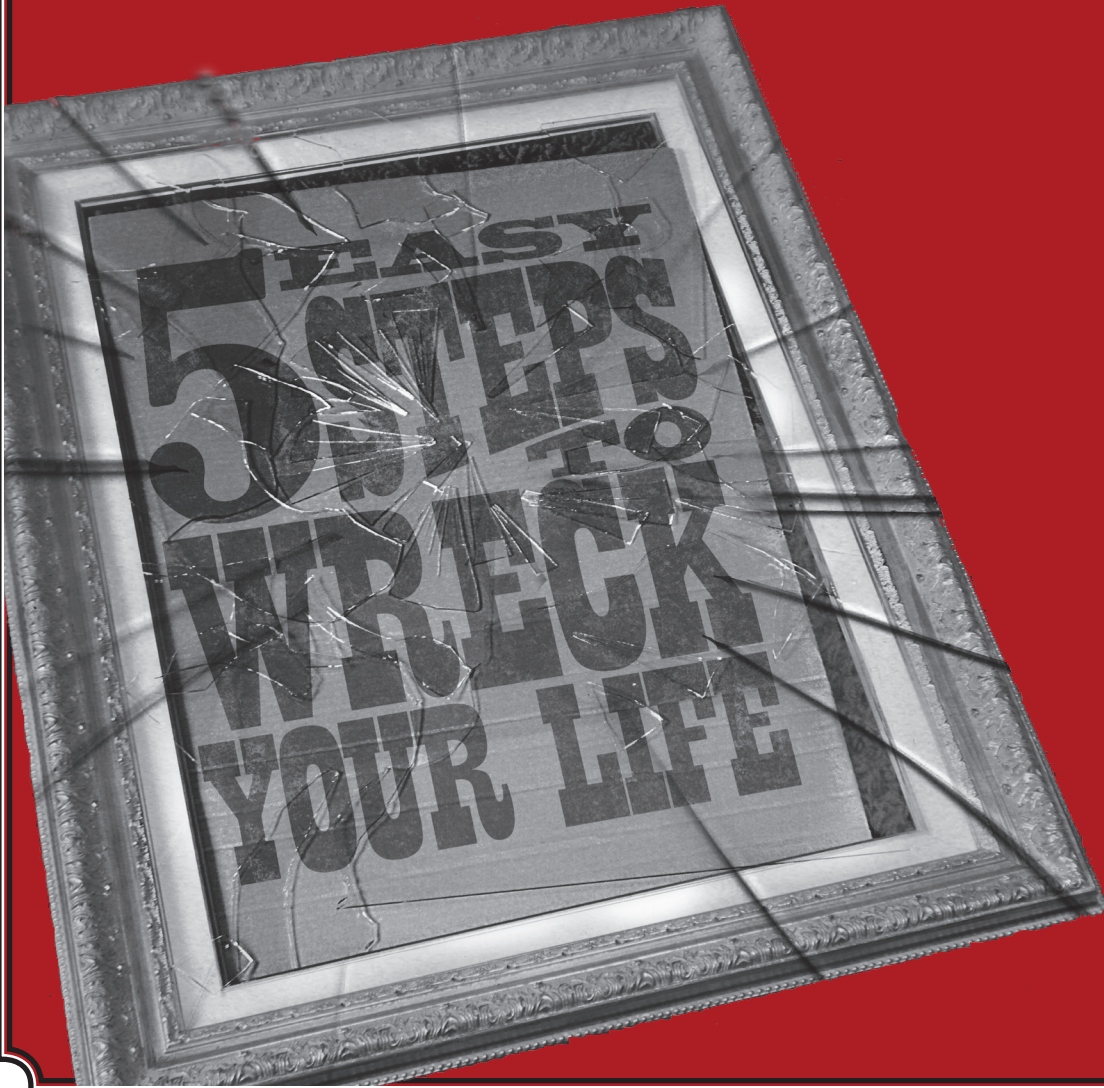


Weekend of January 12, 2013

How to Drift from God

“You know sometimes you ask God big questions like,
‘God where are you in my life?’

And sometimes God doesn’t give you an answer.
You might be tempted to give up on God all together.
Well, let me tell you friends, that is just one of the
Five easy steps to wreck your life.”



5 Easy Steps To Wreck Your Life

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But I'm afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 2 Cor. 11:3

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Heb 2:2

HOW TO DRIFT FROM GOD IN 5 EASY STEPS

1. Neglect Your **Time** With **God**.

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you... Psalm 63:1

2. If You Don't Like Your Circumstances, **Blame** God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding... Proverbs 3:5

3. Hang Around **Bad** Influences.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character..." 1 Corinthians 15:33

4. Give Into **Temptation**.

...but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:14-15

5. Love **This World** More Than You Love **God**.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the father is not in him.

1 John 2:15

If All Else Fails: **Fake** It!

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..." Isaiah 29:13

I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Revelation 3:1

RETURNING TO YOUR FIRST LOVE

...You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first... Revelation 2:4-5

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Weekend of Jan. 5

How to commit adultery.

Weekend of Jan. 12

How to drift from God.

Weekend of Jan. 19

How to become an addict.

Weekend of Jan. 26

How to be dissatisfied.

NOTES:

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Are you closer to God today than in the past? Why or why not?
2. Describe what your time with God looked like this past week. If you didn't seek him, be honest.
3. We examined different ways to drift from God including: neglecting time with God, blaming God, hanging around bad influences, giving into temptation, loving the world more than God, and if all else fails, faking it. What is the one area you need to work on most? What specific action step are you going to take?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS are available by clicking the "**Current Message Series Resources**" button at www.onthejourney.ca.

Prevent the drift

Go online to youversion.com and start reading the Bible (or dust off your hard copy!)