

FALLING AWAY PREVENTION

Hebrews 3.12-19 // April 27, 2025

AN ENCOURAGING WARNING

It is easy to start almost anything, but it is an entirely different thing to finish well. The author of Hebrews does not want his readers to miss out on this “so great a salvation,” and he gives a warning to them of that possibility. From these verses, there are at least two things we can recognize:

1. Since we are told to “take care,” this means we must do something to prevent this hardening of heart.
2. This is not a warning simply for those who don’t profess to know Christ, but it is a warning to people who *do* profess to know Christ, who have seen the work of God.

PICK YOUR POISON

Proverbs 27.5, 6

Nine Ways We Minimize Sin

(Based in part on “Gospel-Centered Life” by Bob Thune)

- **Defending:** Do you justify your actions, even using Scripture to do so?
- **Faking:** Do you put on a different face/image around people than in private?
- **Hiding:** Do you avoid relationships that call you out?
- **Exaggerating:** Do you make yourself sound better (or worse) than you are?
- **Blaming:** Do you say, “I’m sorry, but...”
- **Downplaying:** Do you say, “what’s the big deal,” or “it’s not like I’m [something worse].” Or “this is different”
- **Comparing:** Do you compare yourself to others, for better or worse?
- **Being a Victim:** Do you find ways to have people feel sorry for you so that they stop addressing your issues?

SO, HOW WILL WE EQUIP OURSELVES?

Hebrews 10.24, 25 // Philippians 1.27, 28

Our faith is not private. Personal, yes, but not private.

- **Community Groups:** This is one of the primary ways that we grow in our faith. Being committed to growing, praying, and worshipping with others over the course of time makes a huge impact on the maturity of our faith.
- **Fight Club:** One on one, relational discipleship is crucial to our growth. We need to learn how to fight *for the Gospel* in each other’s lives. This is the essence of Fight Clubs.

NOTES:

Announcements:

Community Meal: Next Sunday after service we will enjoy some time of (Tacos!) and fellowship together. Tortillas and meat will be provided...signup to bring something to share here: <https://lmclnk.com/k6j>



Women’s Gathering: One week from tomorrow, May 5th, from 7-8:30pm. Jessica Teas will be hosting and Barbara Erdos will lead. Grab a flyer from the table in back.

Escondido Street Fair: We will have a booth at the Escondido Street Fair on May 18th, and we need your help! Email connect@lifemission.tv or talk to Shauntee Null to let us know if you would be willing to take a shift in the booth.

This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 145.1-8

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 3.12-19**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

God desires for us to know Him and finish well, so that we can enjoy His goodness for all of eternity. But life is not easy! What Gospel truths do you find in these passages that help you see and understand God's love and desire for you?

Your Life Mission

For us to be effective ministers of reconciliation for the world around us, we first must be able to be approachable, humble, and continually growing in our own dependency on the Lord, and this means we must be open to and wanting the eyes and wisdom of others in our lives.

Who in your life are people that can speak plainly and even give you loving rebuke? How do you usually respond to those rebukes, and what can you do to grow in having more of those voices in your life, and then receiving them well?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom
and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises
so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

HEBREWS

THE TRUE AND BETTER

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