

# The Danger of Drift

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**An Astonishing Response:**

**Summary:**

**We wrongly shape the way we view God by our experiences instead of who He has revealed Himself to be.**

**1. We wrongly shape the way we view God by our experiences: v1-3a**

**A) Background:**



**B) The Danger of Drift:**

**C) Experience Based Faith:**

**2. Instead of who He has revealed Himself to be: V1, 3b-4**

**A) Pay Close Attention: V1**

## **B) Through The Established Witness: V3b-4**

The people to whom this letter has been written are facing great persecution. Their hard and challenging life experience caused them to drift away from God when they couldn't see God in it. They were trying to find God in the wrong place. They were trying to understand who God is through the way life treated them, which caused them to think God isn't good, loving, merciful, or wise. These verses command us to pay close attention to who Jesus is through the established witness of the Bible. God revealed Himself in Jesus, the Son of God, coming into this world.

We encounter Jesus in this century through the witness of the eyewitnesses, whom God backed up with signs and wonders to validate their written account. We can encounter Jesus on every page of the Bible, and we should let that encounter shape the way we respond to our experiences instead of letting our expe-

**Conversation Starter...** In which circumstances do we find God to be good, loving, and wise usually? Why?

## **Fellowship group questions**

Questions to use, select from or supplement

- For what purpose were these verses, and the entire letter, written?
- What does it mean to drift away v1? Why is it a danger according to v3a?
- What caused the original hearers of the letter to drift away?
- What is wrong with defining who God is through our experiences and life situations in this world?
- What are we commanded to do in v1? What does this mean?
- Can you find any commands in Hebrews chapter 1? Why is this the case?
- Why is it so important to let God's revelation about Himself shape our knowledge of Him?
- Why are we left with the Bible as the source in which we encounter God's revelation about Himself?
- What is the difference between letting our experiences shape the way we view God, and letting our knowledge of God shape the way we respond to our experiences? What does this look