



## Resolve

### Introduction

Drift happens—usually it's not even noticeable. A relationship you used to value just doesn't mean as much anymore. Spending time with God becomes less important. How can you stop the drift and return joy to the places and people you love?

### Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

### Practice Truth

1. Sometimes we think we're spiritually stagnant but really drift is happening. What's the difference?
2. Why did the Babylonians give Daniel and his friends new names, clothes, and food? Do you see a similar capitulation to culture among Christians today?
3. Dirk said, "God would rather have his people live holy lives in an exiled, pagan land than have them live pagan lives in a free, holy land." What did this mean then? What does it mean to you now? Do you Agree or disagree?
4. Discuss the statement, "Concession does not erase the tension, it only weakens our resolve." Where are you most tempted to concede instead of resolve? Where have you seen this statement to be true?
5. Where do you see drift most in your life: Relational, Financial, Missional, Spiritual, or somewhere else?

### Do Life Together

We heard last weekend that the first step toward stopping the drift is to resolve to do something. Draw a line in the sand; write something down; make a commitment. How will you resolve to follow God in a culture that often seeks to take you away from him?