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Deuteronomy 11:14 (NLT)

But be careful. Don't let your heart be deceived so that you turn away from the LORD and serve and worship other gods.

5/2/22 Message

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Song- Hold to God's Unchanging Hand.

Time is filled with swift transition,
None, on earth unmoved, can stand
Build your hopes on things eternal
hold, to God's unchanging hand.

Hold to his hand, to God's unchanging hand
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Build your hope on things eternal
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Trust in Him, who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
When your earthly friends forsake you
Still, more closely to Him cling

Everybody oughta hold to his hand
To, God's unchanging hand
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand
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1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. ² These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times



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Focus Scripture: Matthew 24: 4-5, 9-14, 23-25 (NLT)

- **4 Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, 5 for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many.** ⁹ “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.^[b] **10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.** ¹² Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. **13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** ¹⁴ And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world so that all nations^[c] will hear it, and then the end will come. ²³ **“Then if anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah,’ or ‘There he is,’ don’t believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones.** ²⁵ See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

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- Colossians 2:8
“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”
- Matthew 24:24
“For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.”
- 1 Peter 5:8
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.
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The Consequences of Unbelief.

- Video- Black women leaving the church for Satanism.
- Islam
- Hebrew Israelites
- Agnostic/Atheist
- Leaving the church is not exclusive to women, men are leaving as well.

John 10:10 (NLT)

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

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When life disappoints, press in and run to God.

John 6:67-68

- Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.
 - John the Baptist (Matt.11)
 - ✓ John asked questions. He was beheaded.
 - ✓ Are you the one we look for or do we look for another.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**”

The Benefits of Knowing Christ

Salvation

- Saved from Hell's fire
- Acts 4:12 **There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.**
- Deliverance

We/I become a child of the Father

- The Wealthy Shunammite Woman
 - ✓ Elisha had told the woman whose son he had brought back to life, "Take your family and move to some other place, for the LORD has called for a famine on Israel that will last for seven years." ² So the woman did as the man of God instructed. She took her family and settled in the land of the Philistines for seven years.
 - ✓ Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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Reasons why people leave the church.

- Unmet-Expectations
- Deception
- Spiritual Immaturity
- Unanswered prayers

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- An ungrateful heart.- Practice being thankful

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.