

July 9, 2023  
**Staying On Course**  
**1 John 2:18–29**

This week, Pastor David continued the series from 1 John by showing how believers can stay focused on Christ. He reminded us to:

1. **Watch Out For Distractions Along The Path Of Life (vv. 18–23)**
2. **Stay Rooted In Christ To Keep Your Footing Along The Path Of Life (vv. 24–29)**

**How do you abide with Jesus?**

- **Rest Fully In Him ([Matthew 11:28](#))**
- **Listen Carefully To Him ([John 15:7](#))**
- **Serve Him Gladly ([1 John 2:29](#))**

**GOING DEEPER:**

- Directions that you receive in life don't always lead you to the desired destination. How have you experienced this in your life? In your spiritual journey?
- In verses 18–23, John is reminding believers to stay focused on Jesus. Any teaching that reduces the importance of Jesus, the work of Jesus, or the identity of Jesus is distracting and leads you to a dead end. What distractions tempt you to lose your focus on Jesus?
- One of the themes in John's writing is the importance of abiding (*remaining*) in Jesus. Abiding is an ongoing process of walking faithfully with Jesus. What does it look like for you to abide in Jesus on a daily basis? What challenges do you face to abiding in Him fully? Explain.
- Pastor David shared three ways to abide in Jesus: rest fully in Him; listen carefully to Him; and gladly serve Him. Which of these things do you need to do this week to stay focused on Jesus?

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

*"Christ is Christianity itself; He stands not outside of it but in its center; without His name, person and work, there is no Christianity left. In a word, Christ does not point out the way to salvation; He is the way itself."*

*~ Herman Bavinck, 19th century Dutch Theologian*

*"When we abide, we make a home (our abode) in a place. We linger there, and our inner person gets shaped by our abode. We can abide in fear. We can abide in ambition. We can abide in anger. We can abide in lust. Or we can abide in God."*

*~John Ortberg*

The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14

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