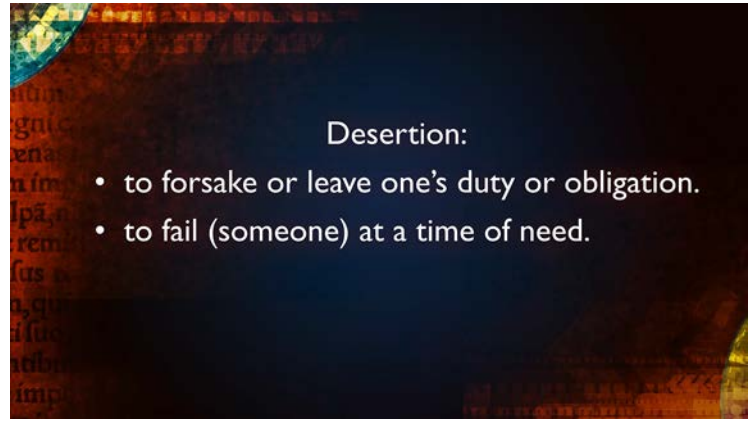
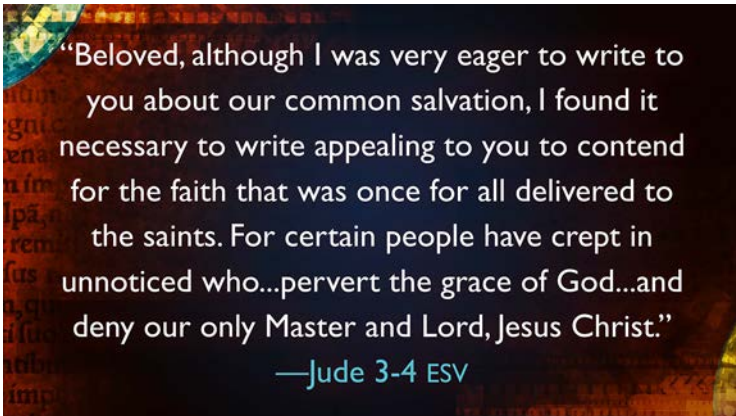




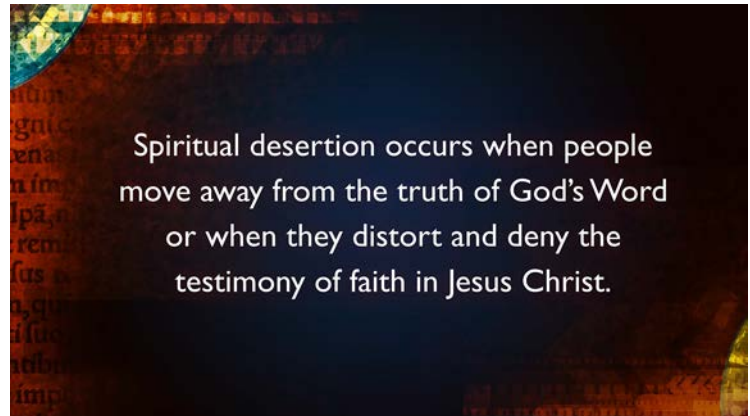
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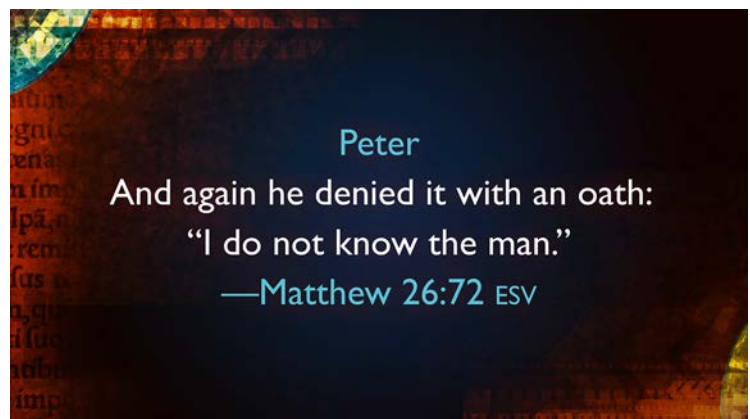
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Demas

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
—2 Timothy 4:9-10 ESV

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Church at Ephesus

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.
—Revelation 2:4 ESV

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³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

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⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

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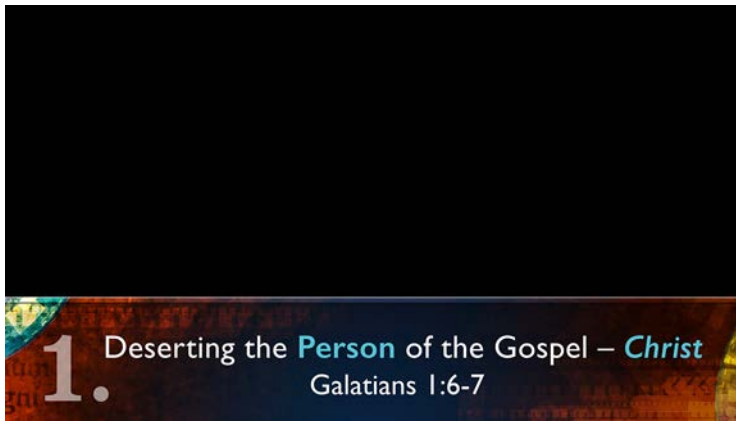
¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

—Galatians 1:3-10 ESV

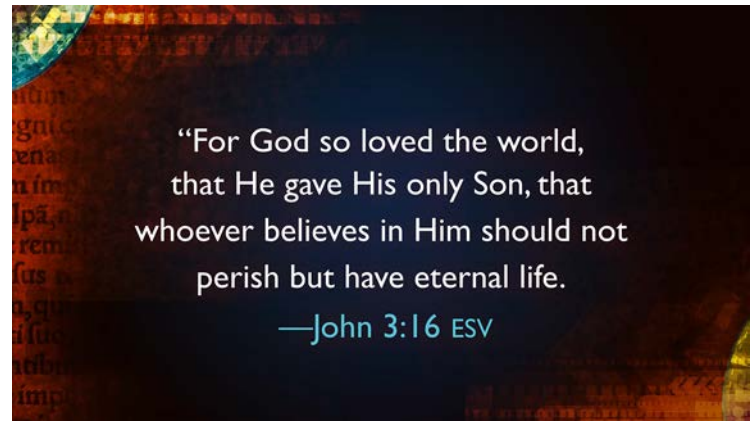
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Spiritual Desertion Takes Place on **3** Fronts

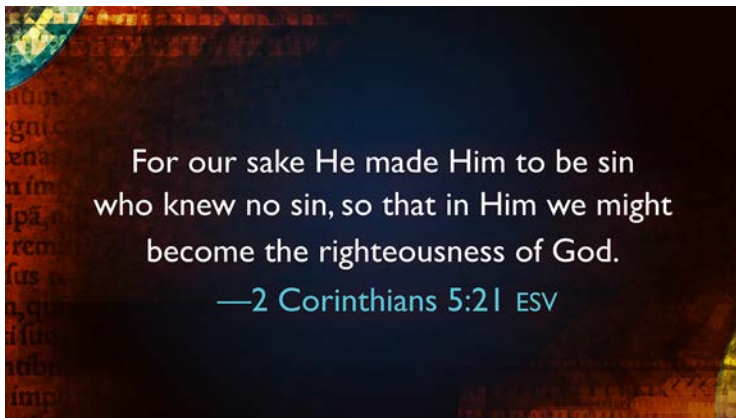
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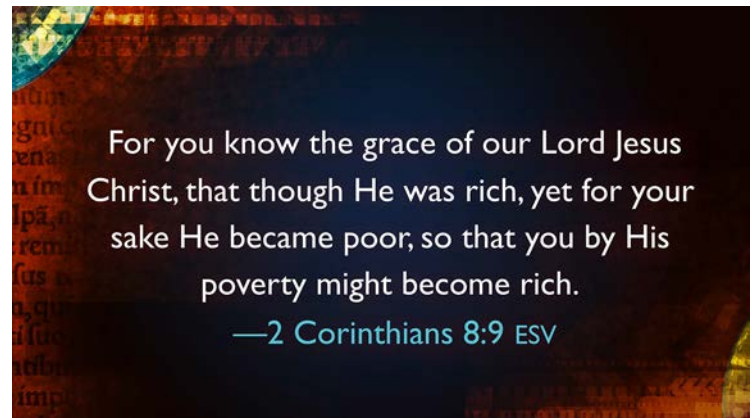
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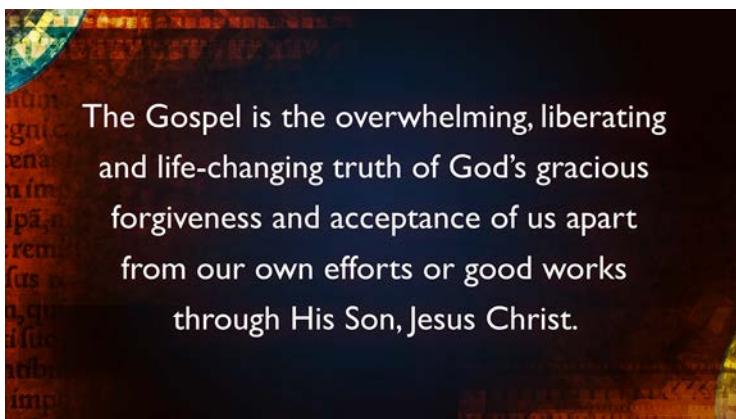
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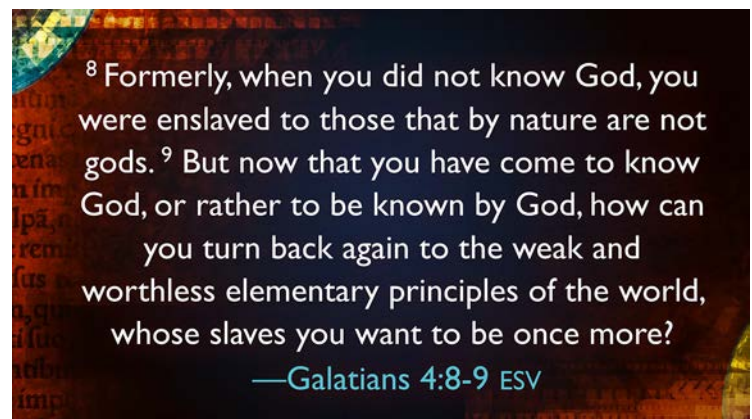
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⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.
—Philippians 3:7-8 ESV

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¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
—Philippians 3:10-11 ESV

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“The gospel is not just supposed to be our ticket into heaven, it is to be an entirely new basis of how we relate to God, ourselves and others. It is the source from which everything else flows...the goal of the gospel is not just that we pass some kind of test by accurately recounting the importance of Jesus.

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The goal of the gospel is to produce a type of people consumed with passion for God and love for others...Being converted to Jesus is not just about learning to obey some rules. Being converted to Jesus is learning to so adore God that we would gladly renounce everything we have to follow Him.” —*Gospel, J.D. Greear*

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2. Deserting the **Principle** of the Gospel – *Grace*
Galatians 1:6-7

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“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, yet at the same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”
—*Tim Keller*

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And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

—Galatians 1:14 ESV

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O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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“Faith in the gospel re-structures our motivations, our self-understanding and identity, and our view of the world. Behavioral compliance to rules without heart-change will be superficial and fleeting. The gospel changes your heart.”

—Tim Keller

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3. Deserting the **Power** of the Gospel – **Freedom**
Galatians 1:4

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¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—
¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

—Galatians 3:13-14 ESV

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