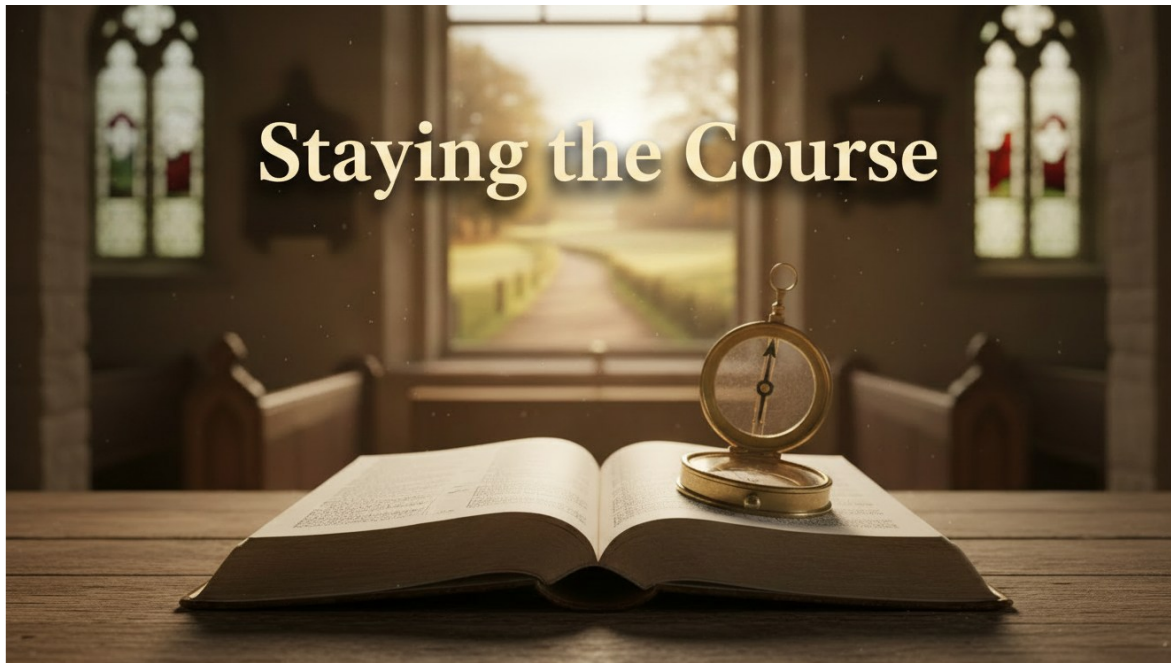




Staying the Course

On his way to Jerusalem, Paul stops in Miletus and calls for the Ephesian elders to come meet him.

Acts 20:17-38

1. Stay on God's _____ (20, 27, 31-32)

Eph 1:22-23 the church is to be _____ to Christ

Our purpose as a church: _____ the Lord; _____ lives that are righteous and Heaven bound; and _____ the _____ message of Christ

2. Stay _____ to today's _____ (28, 31)

E _____ challenges from our culture (John 3:19-20)

I _____ challenges from _____

Error comes in _____ and _____

Error spreads _____ and reaches those not _____

Being Alert: Ezekiel 33:1-7; Isa 56:10):

- Seeing potential _____
- Seeing ways to _____

3. Stay _____ through coming _____ (25)

- Living things change. Dead things _____ change

The challenge is for a church to grow without losing its roots, to adapt without abandoning the truth, to change without leaving the Lord

4. Stay _____ until the course is _____ (24)

- Acts 20:24 None of these things _____ me (KJV)
Steadfast when _____ come
Immovable when culture _____
Abounding when the work becomes _____

Are you headed the right direction?