

Musician Danny Gokey Warns Believers: ‘Don’t Drift from the Faith

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Faith has been the bedrock of Christian music artist Danny Gokey’s life.

This dedication to the Lord has gotten Gokey through storms in life that have sunk other believers.

Gokey shot to fame with his inspirational performance during the eighth season of “American Idol.” He leaned on God during this trying time as his first wife, Sophia, passed away a mere month before his auditions.

Gokey has much to thank the Lord for, and has done just that. He has enjoyed superstar levels of success, and remains humble and puts the Lord first in all things.

Recently, Gokey posted a simple two-part message encouraging and warning Christians about “the drift” discussed in Hebrews 2. He discusses in his videos how this is “the most dangerous thing that can happen to a believer.”

Gokey explained his reasoning for the seriousness of this warning, “It’s very subtle, and sometimes you don’t even catch it,” he said.

Reading Hebrews 2:1-4, he gives biblical confirmation of his warning, “Therefore we should be more attentive to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken by angels was true, and every sin and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation, which was first declared by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him? God also bore them

witness with signs and wonders and diverse miracles and with gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His own will."

"Imagine you're on a boat, you're heading towards a specific direction, and you had a motor on it, but you decide to turn that motor off, you decided to relax. And unknowingly, the ocean or the culture ... took you in a whole different direction," Gokey asks.

"That's what's dangerous to the Believer," Gokey states. "If we don't hang on to the Word of God, if we let the culture define what our values are, what our morals are, we'll pretty soon find out that we had a form of godliness, but we denied the power thereof. The drift is so real because the drift will take you away from what God wants you to do," he says.

Gokey's message is rooted in biblical truth and challenges the "cream puff" Christianity that many pastors are teaching today. Often the message of repentance and turning away from a sinner's old life is left out and replaced with a feel-good message that doesn't challenge a person's sin lifestyle.

"You know, Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we can go back into our sin pattern that we once had," Gokey says. "We must pay all the more attention that we don't drift away from who God is, from what He says is right and wrong, we don't allow that culture to start redefining what right or wrong is."

Gokey sheds light on the growing problem for many Christians who are questioning what the Bible says versus what the culture is telling them. He reminds his viewers that culture cannot dictate what is righteous in their Christian walk and growth, only God does that and they can learn what makes a person righteous in His Word.

"God has made it very clear what is righteous, what is holy, He says it in His Word," Gokey says. "Watch out for the drift,

because the drift will pull you away from God, the drift will make you look like a Pharisee because you'll have a form of godliness while justifying your bad behaviors, like the Pharisees did. But God won't be in it. The drift is real."

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