

Outline – July 12, 2020  
Matthew 7:24-27  
Facing, Understanding And Helping Those  
Who Are Experiencing Deconversion  
John 6:66-69

**A Sign Of End Times Would Be  
People Falling Away From The Faith**

**I. Contemporary Christian leaders leaving the faith**

- A. Josh Harris (kiss dating goodbye)
- B. Marty Sampson (Hillsong)
- C. Jon Steingard (Hawk Nelson)

**II. The reason people leave are many (very similar), here are the most common reasons given today**

- A. Angry (with God, and/or the church)
  - 1. Fear
  - 2. Unfulfilled expectations
  - 3. Unmet desires and demands
- B. Confused
  - 1. Differing views
  - 2. Clichés
  - 3. Militant ideas
- C. Questions with no answers
- D. Feeling controlled
  - 1. Don'ts
  - 2. Can'ts
  - 3. Shouldn'ts
- E. Not enough proof
- F. Feeling judged all the time
- G. Exclusivity

**III. Seven pillars Jesus gives us to build on**

- A. Origin
  - 1. Made by God for God
  - 2. Made in His image
  - 3. Given unique abilities
    - a. Love
    - b. Accomplish
    - c. Sense eternity in our lives
    - d. Discern truth and evil
- B. Meaning
  - 1. To know God, and make Him known
  - 2. To serve God
  - 3. Reward

- C. Morality
  - 1. Discern good from evil
  - 2. Recognize what has serious consequences
- D. Destiny
  - 1. Eternal future
  - 2. Heaven
  - 3. New Heaven and New Earth
  - 4. Personal mortality
- E. Accountability
  - 1. Answering to God
  - 2. Answering to one another
- F. Attachment
  - 1. Belonging
  - 2. Connecting
- G. Love – 4 types
  - 1. Phileo
  - 2. Storge
  - 3. Eros
  - 4. Agape

**IV. It's not easy (It may even cost you)**

- A. Some things we may never understand
- B. Some seasons may not go well
- C. Some sacrifices are real
- D. Some will never understand or endorse your position
- E. Some will be tempted to walk away
- F. Some will leave
- G. Peter said "To whom shall we go"

**V. When a person "falls away" (Deconverts) how can they make their way back (10 things to know)**

- A. Recognize from where you have fallen
- B. Repent of the behaviors, attitudes
- C. Responsible for your response
- D. Reach out to Jesus
- E. Reconcile with God (and others)
- F. Rethink/reinvent your brand
- G. Research areas you struggle
- H. Rejoice – as you grow in the faith
- I. Reconnect with others
- J. Remember God's amazing grace and promises

**We All Have Seasons Of Struggle  
Beware Of Your Area Of Weakness  
If You Fall Away You Can Make Your Way Back**

