



## **Week #4: Trading Apathy for Purpose**

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Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

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Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

**How to not burn out, miss out, or drift from a life of purpose:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ get close to Jesus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for direction and zeal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ attention.

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

Romans 12:11-13 (NIV)

*Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.*

Romans 12:11-13 (MSG)

*...Take every opportunity to open your life and home to others.*

Romans 12:13b (VOICE)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ to open up your life.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is a way you have seen apathy in your life or in people's lives around you?
2. What is the danger of Christ-followers not paying attention to the ways we might be drifting?
3. What would it look like for you to practice the pace of Jesus?
4. Looking at Romans 12 and the ways to not burn out or drift, what is your next right step, and one thing you will commit to doing this week?

### Recommended Resources

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- Praise.
- Persevere.

- Pray.
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