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Watch Out for Spiritual Erosion

There is spiritual erosion happening in our lives, our churches, our institutions of government, our nation and the time has come for us to pay attention to what is being eroded.

Erosion - Is the gradual destruction of something.

Erosion in Churches Today

There is erosion of truth, family values, biblical foundations, true biblical preaching, Christo centric marriage, etc. across the nations of world and this is pivotal to us serving God.

Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Hebrews 2:1 (KJV)

Erosion in a church is erosion in the life of its members.

Erosion is slow and silent.

The Ephesian Church Erosion

Erosion happened to the church at Ephesus. This church was founded on solid biblical teaching, but over time erosion of what mattered occurred. And the Lord said to them they needed to be revived.

Let us trace the erosion....

Acts 18:18–21 (The Ephesians Church was Established by Paul)

Acts 19:1, 7-10 (Paul established the church at Ephesus using the word of God)

Acts 19:13-20 (Overtime the Church experienced spiritual warfare – Where truth is taught falsehood will attack the truth.)

Acts 19:23-41 (People will stir up trouble for the church because of their personal agenda)

Acts 20:17–32 (Leadership must warn the church about spiritual erosion.)

Even though they were warned by the apostle Paul, they failed to be on guard and to remain alert. Tragically, within a matter of years, the erosion took such a toll on their spiritual lives, the Lord finally announced for all to hear, “You have left your first love” (Revelation 2:4). Let us examine this erosion

Revelation 2:1-4

Spiritual Erosion occurred in the Ephesian Church because left their first love.

For Us today, we must watch out for Spiritual Erosion

Matthew 24:12

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:12 (KJV)

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Study Questions

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ICE BREAKERS

Share a joke with your group members with the intent of making them laugh.

LOOKING BACK

Looking back at your notes from last week's teaching on Spiritual Erosion, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. *What is Spiritual Erosion and what defines its characteristics?*
2. *Hebrews 2:1 says "therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. (KJV)" What are some of the things that are slipping in our lives, churches, and nation today?*
3. *What are the implications of spiritual erosion?*
4. *Looking at the Ephesian are there any experiences of the Ephesian church that we are experiencing?*
5. *We learned that the Ephesian church though well taught and great in many respects, spiritual erosion still did occur. What can we use as safeguards against spiritual erosion?*

APPLYING THE LESSON TO YOUR LIFE

1. *How can we as a church guard against spiritual erosion?*
2. *Looking at your family, how can you guard against spiritual erosion?*
3. *In your personal Christian life, what can you do to safeguard spiritual erosion in your life?*

PRAYER TIME

Pray and ask the Lord to Revive us as a church.

