**Part 2 – Stay the Course**

**Jesus is superior.**

**Why should I stay the course?**

**Jesus is superior to all.**

**Hebrews 2:1**

**We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.**

**What is Jesus superior to?**

**Jesus is superior to all angels.**

**Hebrews 1:4-6, 9, 14**

**So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”?**

**Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”**

**But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

**Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

**Jesus is superior to the devil & demons.**

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

**Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

**For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.**

**Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.**

**How can I stay the course?**

**Worship God alone.**

**Revelation 19:10**

**Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, “No, don’t worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God.**

**Worship connects us to Jesus.**

**Colossians 2:18**

**Don’t let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body.**

**Worship connects us to God’s word.**

**Galatians 1:6-9**

**I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all.**

**Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!**

**As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!**

**Satan will always try to steal your worship.**

**Matthew 4:8-10**

**Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”**

**Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”**