

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Some years ago, I almost had a terrible accident. I was driving along and my cell phone rang. I glanced down at the screen and answered it, not realizing that the car in front of me had stopped. When I noticed what was happening, it was almost too late. I jammed my brakes on and came within inches of ramming this guy in the back. It scared me almost to death! Shortly thereafter, I got a hands-free unit, because I recognized this: that little distraction—that wonderful little gadget called a cell phone—could have cost me my life.

Distractions can be fatal. We need to keep our eyes on the road, making sure we stay on target, stay on course. There are spiritual distractions in the Christian life, too. We may think we're going in the right direction spiritually, but we're ever-so-slightly being pulled off course. It is good to push back sometimes and call a little time out—a spiritual retreat, so to speak—and evaluate what you believe in compared to what you really ought to believe.

In Galatians chapter 5, verse 7, Paul gives a searing warning to this church. “You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?”

In other words, Paul says, “You started out so well, you loved the truth, you were living consistently with what you believe. That's wonderful! Now I hear about this stuff going on, and I look at your life, and I see what you actually believe. What distracted you? What happened? Who cut your spiritual legs out from underneath you? Is what you're believing right now really the truth?”

Here's what I want you to remember today. Distractions can delay our development and can even prove to be fatal. Keep your spiritual eyes on the road. Don't be distracted by the call. You could end up in an accident.