

## *Missing Ingredient*:: Andy Stanley

### INTRODUCTION

We all drift. We begin with great intentions, determined to stay the course, but along the way we find ourselves falling back into the places and behaviors we intended to avoid. Somehow our commitments and convictions just aren't able to help us on their own. There's a missing ingredient that is necessary if we're going to stay on the right track.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has there been a time when you were really committed to doing something, and in spite of your commitment you didn't do it (diet, budget, devotions, exercise, etc.)?
2. How does a connection with other believers help you keep your commitments and convictions?
3. Where do you currently find connection?
4. Read Hebrews 3:12-13. What does "encourage" mean in this verse?
5. Have you ever had crystal clear clarity into someone else's poor decisions? Did you say anything? Has anyone ever pulled you aside when you were about to make a poor decision?
6. In what areas of your life would you like to be encouraged?
7. How can we encourage one another in this group?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Who has access to your life? Who has permission to pull you back on course when you drift?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How can you be more intentional about leveraging the power of connection in your life?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.* Hebrews 3:13