

# Sermon Notes

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## Guarding from Being Thrown Off Track

Deuteronomy 19 & 20

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**There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.**

19:1-10 Cities of refuge for those who accidentally killed someone

19:11-13 Premeditating murderers are supposed to be put to death.  
(ref.: Leviticus 24:17)

19:14 No moving boundary markers

19:15 Two or three witnesses shall confirm something is sin.  
(ref.: Matthew 18:16)

19:16-21 A malicious witness, wrongfully accusing someone, shall have the punishment he intended against someone.

The community addressing sin, in part, is supposed to make others fearful of sinning. (see 1 Timothy 5:19-20)

**In the church, we're supposed to help one another get back on track with the Lord, by helping one another turn from sin.**

(see Matt. 18:15-20)

20:1-4 Do not be afraid, because the Lord goes with you, and will fight against your enemies.

20:5-9 Fears/over-concerns that would keep some Israelites home from war.

**If we are overly-concerned with the things of this world we can get off track from the most important task at hand for us, which is following Jesus.** (ref.: Mark 4:18-19)

**If we are going to follow Jesus, our own desires, that can lead to sin, need to be defeated. The Holy Spirit can defeat those desires, if you walk by the Spirit.** (ref.: Galatians 5:16-17)

20:10-20 Attempt peace with cities far from the Promise Land. But in the cities of the Promise Land, kill everything that breathes.

**The people of our culture can throw us off track from following the Lord. Be on guard that they do not influence you.** (ref.: 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, 1 Peter 2:9-12)

**What is your response to this?** Discuss it with someone today.