



FALLING

ASLEEP IN CHURCH

ACTS 20:7-12

• **Setting and Scene:**

- **Paul and company are traveling to Jerusalem with funds from Gentile churches (Act 20:1-6, 13-16).**
- **The group lays over in Troas, a city Paul had visited before (Act 16:6-11; 2 Cor 2:12-13; 2 Tim 4:13).**
- **The church is gathered in the evening:**
 - **To break bread together. (cf. 1 Cor 11:17-34)**
 - **To hear Paul preach (cf. Act 20:22-23)**
 - **He prolonged his speech till midnight.**

• Eutychus Fell Asleep:

- It was stuffy, many lamps=many people.
- A young Eutychus was sitting in the window.
- As Paul preached, Eutychus fell into a deep *hupnos* and tumbled out the 3rd story window.
- *Fortunately* for him, Paul was there.
 - Paul too can raise the dead (cf. Act 9:36-43).
- The gathering continued till daybreak then Paul left and walked 31 miles by himself.




**Why do some Christians
fall asleep in church?**



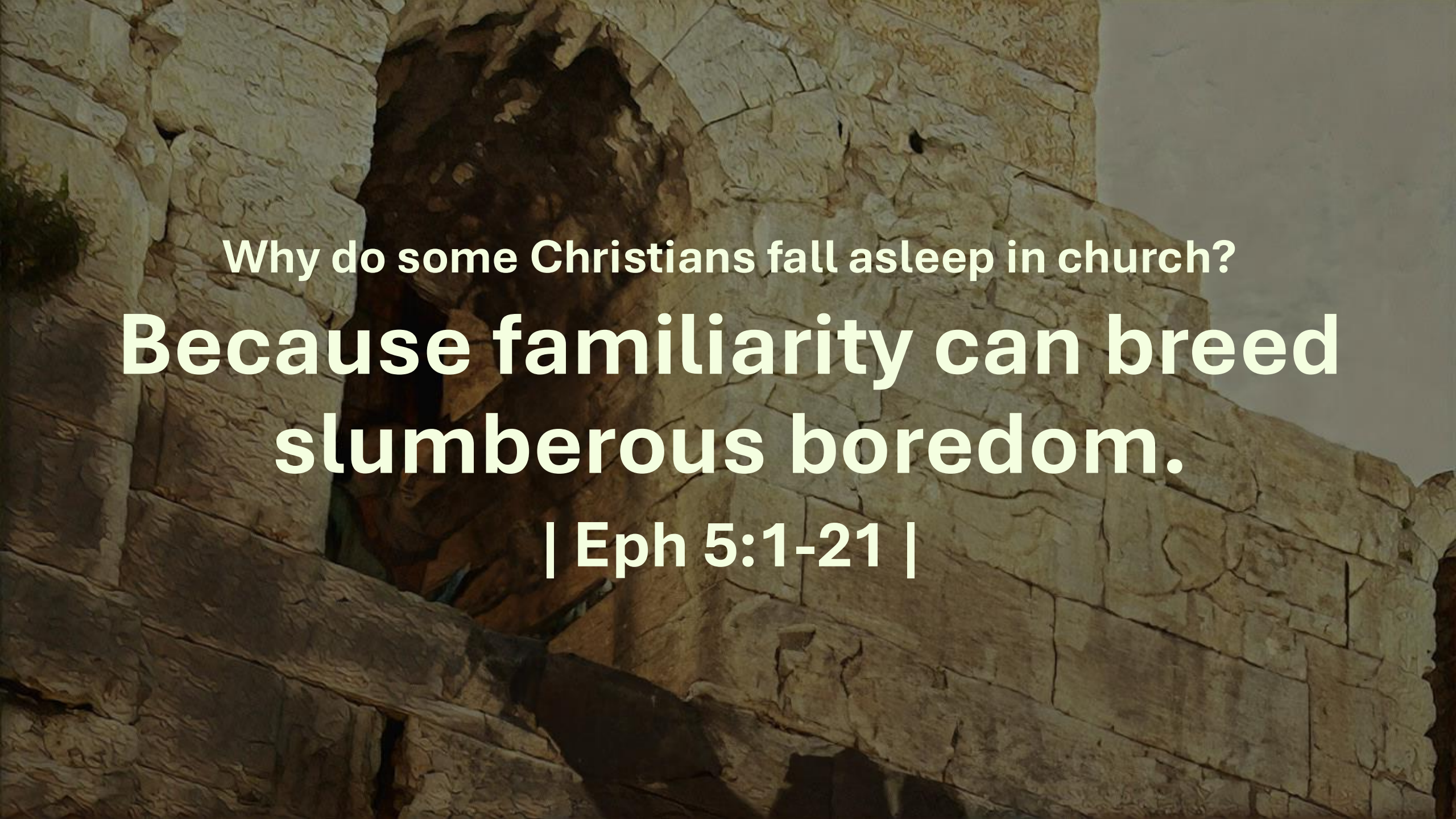
Why do some Christians fall asleep in church?

They have never been awakened.

| 1 Ths 5:1-11 |



Why do some Christians fall asleep in church?
They've backslidden into sin.
| Rom 13:8-14 |



Why do some Christians fall asleep in church?

**Because familiarity can breed
slumberous boredom.**

| Eph 5:1-21 |



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