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Remaining Focused under Pressure
A Study of 1 and 2 Peter.

Week Ten

How Not To Fall

2 Peter 1:1-12

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How Not to Fall

“Help! I’ve fallen and I can’t get up.” This became a famous line taken from a Life Alert television commercial back in the eighties. The commercial depicted an elderly person living alone and suffering a fall. Falls can be very serious for older adults. An estimated 1 in 4 adults experience a fall each year and more than half of those take place in their homes. They can trigger serious physical and psychological trauma. Taking necessary precautions to avoid falls is essential to preventing loss of daily activity and long-term independence.

Just as physical falls can be detrimental and debilitating to a person’s health, so also spiritual falls can have devastating impact. Many have witnessed someone experience a moral or spiritual failure in the church. Sometimes it involves a respected leader and other times a seasoned saint. In either case there is always fallout.

A person may ask, "How did that happen?" The truth is, a spiritual fall rarely happens overnight. It often begins with small compromises, neglected accountability, misplaced priorities, or a growing sense of self-sufficiency.

In 2 Peter 1:1–11, Peter reminds believers that spiritual stability is not accidental but results from intentional focused discipline. God provides the foundation and equips the believer to live a fruitful life, however, believers must be diligent in developing the qualities that strengthen their faith and enable fruitful productivity. How might believers prevent the risk of a spiritual fall? What steps should be taken and why does it matter?

In this study, we will examine the challenges with remaining focused and the spiritual practices that help us not to fall.

Study Objectives

1. Recognize how God's divine power equips believers for spiritual growth for godly living.
2. Develop the Christlike qualities believers must intentionally cultivate to strengthen their faith.
3. Apply biblical principles to avoid spiritual stumbling in order to remain faithful to their calling.



2 Peter 1:1-12 ESV

Greeting

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord.

Confirm Your Calling and Election

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and
godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and
excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great
promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of
sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your
faith with _____, and virtue with _____, ⁶ and knowledge
with _____, and self-control with _____, and
steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and _____ with brotherly affection,
and _____ with _____. ⁸ For if these _____ are
yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in
the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these
_____ is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was
cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent
to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these _____
you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an
entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹²
Therefore I intend always to remind you of these _____, though you
know them and are established in the truth that you have.

Table Talk

Regaining Sure Footing

Instructions: At your table, discuss the following questions. Provide answers with Scripture based on 2 Peter 1:1-11, and identify one practical application.

1. When life becomes overwhelming, what are some signs that you are relying on your own strength instead of God's power?

2. Peter suggests that these seven qualities should be increasing in the believer. What does it look like for them to increase in *your* life? (v.8)

3. Discuss spiritual nearsightedness. How does this show up in a believer's life? Explain how one forgets that he/she was cleansed. v.9

4. How do you confirm your calling and is it required to be saved? If you confirm your calling and election does that ensure you will never fall? v.10



1. Rely on God's _____ (2 Peter 1:1–4)
2. Reinforce your _____ (2 Peter 1:5–9)
3. Remain firm in your _____ (2 Peter 1:10-11)

Challenge: Check Your Footing!

This week, identify one area of spiritual weakness and intentionally practice one of the seven qualities Peter describes. Ask God to strengthen that area through His Word, prayer, and obedience.

Peter reminds us that falling is not inevitable simply because life is difficult. God has provided His power, given us His promises, and called us to grow in Christlike character.

The question is not whether challenges will come, but whether we are developing the spiritual maturity to remain standing when they do.

Bible Memory Verse

2 Peter 20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Notes:





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If tonight was your first MDWK with us, thank you for being here. We don't take lightly that you chose to spend your Wednesday with us. We pray you felt welcomed, encouraged, and strengthened. We'd love to see you again soon, you're always welcome at The Base!