

The Fall Guy

Part Three - Falling Forward

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT)

If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.

Being a fall guy can feel inevitable.

1 John 1:8 (NLT)

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

Romans 7:21-25 (NLT)

21 I have discovered this principle of life - that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 2:1 (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

We should strive not to fall, but if we do, fall forward.

Proverbs 24:16 (CEV)

Even if good people fall seven times, they will get back up.

Proverbs 16:18 (GW)

Pride precedes a disaster, and an arrogant attitude precedes a fall.

Micah 7:8 (GNT)

Our enemies have no reason to gloat over us. We have fallen, but we will rise again. We are in darkness now, but the LORD will give us light.

We do not have to be a fall guy.

Jude 1:24 (GWT)

God can guard you so that you don't fall and so that you can be full of joy as you stand in his glorious presence without fault.

How to Avoid the Fall

1. Walk closely with God and keep His commands.

Psalms 37:23-24 (CEV)

23 If you do what the LORD wants, he will make certain each step you take is sure. 24 The LORD will hold your hand, and if you stumble, you still won't fall.

2. Serve God faithfully and trust Him.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (GNT) (GW)

30 Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted. 31 Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the LORD will be renewed. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and won't become weary. They will walk and won't grow tired.

3. Don't get tangled up in the things of this world.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.