

The Gospel According To . . .

“Help! I’ve Fallen And I Cannot Get Up!”

Jude 24

When you’ve done the right thing,
BUT the wrong thing happens.
When you’ve done the wrong thing
AND the wrong thing happens.

This thing called life can throw so many curve balls! The catch can be tricky, and so many times we actually drop the ball ... and ... we ... Fall!

SICKNESS, INFIDELITY, **FALLING!**
DIVORCE, DEATH, **FALLING!**
BANKRUPTCY, FORECLOSURE, **FALLING!**
Lord, I cannot get up!

Whenever we have a spiritual, emotional or even physical fall, no matter what the prompt was, the fall could sometimes feel like a type of death. The pain is so intense, and the humiliation is so great. People are whispering ... people are talking out loud ... the calls stop ... the silence is unbearable! We’ve fallen, and it feels like we’ve died! The view from where we land is skewed. We cannot see what’s ahead of us. We hoarsely whisper, Lord, I’ve fallen and I cannot get up!

What does God say about us falling? **Jude 24** says;
“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”

But God, I feel like I really HAVE fallen and it wasn’t even my fault! While this text is in response to false teachings during the time of this writing, the principle can still be applied to our current day situations.

1. God is willing and able to keep us from falling, stumbling, tripping into self-pity, self-doubt and even disbelief. These items of ‘self’ are actually sin, because we’ve taken our focus off God and made them guests of honor at our pity parties.
2. But, God is waiting to stand us up, faultless, before his own glory, and with joy? What?!! So God doesn’t care that we’ve fallen, he just wants us to stand up and give him praise?! What?!

So I confess, God, I have fallen, I’ve scraped a knee or two. My vision about my situations has been blurred. But out of the darkness, I see your outstretched hand. I see you beckoning for me. You say, Come on, I’ve got you! You may have fallen, but I’ll make sure that you can get back up!

So now as a rising Zenith, for Your glory, for Your honor,
I STAND!

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