

Getting Back Up After Falling

Proverbs 24:16 (NASB)

*For a righteous person falls seven times and rises again,
But the wicked stumble in time of disaster.*

According to Pew Research, the number of people in the US who identify as a Christian has decreased by 16% since they began their study in 2007.

Some who have left Christianity have switched to other religions and belief systems, while the remaining numbers have fallen away and no longer identify with any religion.

As we work to win lost souls in the community, we will also have to be purposeful about restoring former believers who have fallen.

I.

No matter how long we have been saved, we all remain a work in progress.

Philippians 1:6 (TLB) says, *“And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.”*

Because we are a work in progress, there will be times when we miss the mark and fall into sin. Romans 3:23 (NLT) says, *“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”*

If we remain fallen in our sins, we can get completely separated from God and become lost. Isaiah 53:6 (MSG) says, *“We’re all like sheep who’ve wandered off and gotten lost. We’ve all done our own thing, gone our own way.”*

II.

Regardless of how we fell, it is God’s goodness that leads us to repentance.

Romans 2:4 (NLT) says, *“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”*

When we repent of our sins, God forgives us and cleans us up.

1 John 1:9 (TLB) says, *“But if we confess our sins to him,^[a] he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.”*

Not only does God forgive us our sins, but He deletes them from His memory.

Isaiah 43:25 (NLT) says, *“I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.”*

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III.

To get up means to rise from a low place to a higher place.

When we get up after falling, we must rise from guilt and also forgive ourselves.

When we get up from falling, we must rise from shame and hiding.

Consider Genesis 3:8-10

When we get up after falling, we must help others who are struggling in the same area we were.

Luke 22:32 says, *“But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”*

Our God wants to restore Believers who have fallen and help them get back up again.

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