

SERMON NOTES
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Danger of Falling
Hebrews 5:11-12a; 6:1; 6:4-12

Counting to three

Numbers 14:22-23

²² Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, ²³ shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers...

Proverbs 29:1 A man who hardens *his* neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

We don't hear the warnings
(Galatians 6:7-8; Genesis 2:17; Revelation 2:5)

If we don't go forward, we will fall away.

Fall away – *para pipto*, "beside, to fall"

Impossible – *a dunamis*, "no power"

Renew – *ana kainos*, "again new"

Fallen evangelists

"ground to be burned" – 1 Corinthians 3:15

Full assurance – *pleres phoria*, "full, to carry"

Faith + time = promises

Diligence – *spoude*, "haste"

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^{5:11} Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God.

^{6:1} Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...

^{6:4} For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. ⁷ For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; ⁸ but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.