

Spiritually Sure-Footed (Part 3)

This is our third lesson in the series entitled, Spiritually Sure-footed taken from the benediction of (Jude 24-25).

- **In lesson one**; we studied four Greek words describing the importance of the Church Age Believer (CAB) being Spiritually sure-footed.
- **In lesson two**, we studied four things God will do to keep the Church Age Believer (CAB) Spiritually sure-footed.

<p style="text-align: center;">In lesson three, we will study five ways the Church Age Believer (CAB) can lose his Spiritual “sure-footedness” and how he can regain it.</p>

1. One way the CAB can lose his Spiritual “sure-footedness” and stumble and fall is cosmos fear.

One example of cosmos fear was David's brothers, King Saul, and the Israelite army regarding Goliath (1 Sam.17:11-13, 24).

The very things that caused cosmos fear and retreat in them were the very things that rallied David to faith and battle (1 Sam.17:26, 32, 47, 50; 2 Cor.10:4-5; 1 Tim.6:12; 1 John 5:4).

2. A second way the CAB can lose spiritual “sure-footedness” is doubt and double-minded thinking.

One example of doubt was Thomas regarding the resurrection appearances of Jesus. (John 20:24-2; 1 Cor.2:9-10).

The very thing that brought great joy and a special ministry of the Holy Spirit to other disciples had caused great doubt and pessimism in Thomas (John 20:19-23 Luke 24:36-49; Matt.21:21; James 1:6-8; 2 Cor.5:7).

3. A Third way is setting one's mind on man's interests over God's.

An example is Peter regarding the passion of Christ that caused him to stumble and fall (Matt.16:21-23; Col.3:1-3; Matt.26: 1-2, 31-34, 74-75).

The danger of setting one's mind on man's interest over God's is the influence it has on those close to you who are struggling with same type of issue. Therefore it can easily become a stumbling-block to others.

4. A Fourth way is the encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles us. (Heb.12:1-2).

David/Bathsheba-Uriah incident is an example of the depth and destructiveness of this one (2 Sam.11-12; Ps.51:4, 6, 10, 12-13) [Restoration].

The encumbrance was the nation of Israel being at war and David remaining at home. But he wanted to be in the battle not at home. Unfortunately he didn't spiritually resolve it in his mind as leader. It was his choice between good and good, but once made, he should have trusted the Lord with the leadership he had put on the battlefield.

As a leader, he can lead from home as well as on the battlefield because of his selectiveness and good training of his military leadership. The very thing that should have been a rewarding moment in his leadership became one of the darkest moments for them because of the encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles. (Eph.6:17; Heb.4:12)

5. A Fifth way is the “grasshopper victim” complex.

An example of the “grasshopper victim” mentality complex is seen in ten of the twelve Israelite spies (Num.13:28-33).

The very thing that caused the “grasshopper victim” complex in the ten spies; was the very thing that caused “grace victory” thinking in **Joshua and Caleb** (Num.13:30; 14:8-12)

(Num.14:9) “Only **do not** rebel against the Lord; and **do not** fear the people of the land, for they are our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; **do not** fear them.”

NOTE the 3 negatives and 3 positives

CONCLUSION: “The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not keep you!”

Jude’s closing message to us:

(Jude 24) “Now to **Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, **and** to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.”