

Stumbling

John 6:60-71

In this scripture, Jesus asks two important questions. They are:

- *Do you accept the hard truth about God?*
- *Does the hard truth about God make you stumble?*

These two questions get to the heart of what it means to walk with Jesus in your life. Stumbling occurs in life and we all stumble. Faith is about getting up when we stumble.

Having faith doesn't mean you won't stumble. Having faith doesn't mean you won't have a hard time accepting Jesus's message. Having faith means you get back up after you stumble and you learn and you continue to walk and follow Jesus.

What is the hard truth about God that can be difficult to accept and cause us to stumble? Let's consider the hard truth using questions.

- In your illness, loss, relationships, parenting, addiction, financial issues, shame, guilt, anger, sadness, loneliness, etc. do you accept the hard message that no matter what God loves you?
- Do you accept the hard message of Christ to love your enemies when injustice is happening to you?
- Do you accept Christ's conquering death when someone you love passes away?
- Do you accept Christ's forgiveness of you by forgiving others that have wronged you deeply?
- Do you accept the difficult message of Christ to live in this world but not of this world?
- Do you accept that all you need is Christ and that faith is the way to live life?
- Do you accept that when you give God multiples? Do you accept this so much that your first thought of every dollar is 10 cents goes to God?
- Do you accept that God gives you blessings every day and all you need to do is look for them?

If you are like me your answered - yes, sometimes, and most times. It seems that faith is riddled with accepting the hard truth about Jesus and living it out daily. It seems that faith is when we stumble and get back up and continue to follow God. Can you accept the hard truth about Jesus and get back up when you stumble and continue walking with God?

Lord, God. Jesus – help me when I stumble to get up and walk with you in faith. Speak to me when my stumbling causes me to walk away and gently guide me back to walking with you. Lord may I learn from my stumbling and more importantly may I grow closer to you during the times I stumble so I can get up and continue to walk with you. Amen.

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