Growing God's Way

Greg Kline · Hebrews 5:11–6:3 · Series: **Sermons from Hebrews**

INTRODUCTION

- And so we see this warning, really, this admonition that they should have been farther along.
- Not only was it hard to explain, but he said, since you have become dull of hearing.

1 Falling Away Is Definitely Possible

Hebrews 6:4–6; Hebrews 3:12; 2 Peter 2:20–22

- And so you see that falling away is definitely possible.
- Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
- For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2 We Do Not Live Just to Not Sin

Hebrews 5:12; Hebrews 6:1; Romans 12

- But that is not all of the Christians' responsibility. We do not live on this earth to not sin.
- Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity.
- Yes, falling away is possible, but we don't exist just to not do bad things. We are to glorify God.
- I need to actually think about growing. It's not going to happen on accident.

3 Have We Become Dull of Hearing?

Hebrews 5:11

- About this we have much to say, and it's hard to explain.
- Have we ever gotten to a point where we just become dull of hearing?
- If I should be pressing on to maturity and I'm not even reading what God has to say?
- One of those things, undoubtedly, would be to read the scriptures, to understand what is God's will for man.

4 Setting Specific Goals: You Ought to Be Teachers

Hebrews 5:12–13; James 3

- And so, one way that I think we should do this morning is setting specific goals.
- Everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness since he is a child.
- If we say I am disqualified from teaching because I do not know how, great, now I have a goal.
- We need to be willing to introduce at least one person to the gospel.

5 I Need to Compare Myself to the Word

1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9

- When we sit back and say, I just need to grow. I just need to get better. Do you know what happens? Not much. I need to compare myself to the Word.
- If they are going to lead, they need to be developed in their faith in their relationship with the Lord. Why shouldn't I be developed in my faith and relationship with the Lord?
- If we want a specific goal, it should be I want to be more like Christ.
- Can you pick one thing that you can do in this church to help others?

6 Press On: The Best Way to Not Fall Away

Philippians 3:12–15; Hebrews 6:4–8

- But God doesn't just expect us to not fall away. God expects us to press on to maturity.
- The best way to not fall away is to press on to maturity.
- Not that I have already obtained this or I'm already perfect, but I press on to make it my own. Because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- Mature Christians don't sit back and hope that they grow. Mature Christians realize God has a standard.
- My powers of discernment will be trained to distinguish good and evil. That's going to take care of the falling away part.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We must press on. We must strain forward. Brothers and sisters, let's grow God's way. Let's press on to the eternity that He's offering us.**

MY NOTES