



**BIG FAITH, BALANCED FAITH**

**Part Two: Balancing Your Faith**

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“Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.” Habakkuk 2:4 (NKJV)

► Faith becomes \_\_\_\_\_ as we follow Christ in holiness, humility, and wisdom.

**THREE SIGNS OF \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Kings 14:1-14

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of overconfidence (v. 3)

“Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.” Psalm 119:2-4 (NLT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of overconfidence (v. 5-7)

When things were going great I crowed, “I’ve got it made. I’m God’s favorite. He made me king of the mountain.” Then you looked the other way and I fell to pieces. Psalm 30:6-7(MSG)

3. Resisting \_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of overconfidence (v. 11)

“What king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him?” Luke 14:31-32 (NLT)

“By wise counsel you can wage your war, and in an abundance of counselors there is victory and safety.” Proverbs 24:6 (AMP)

**THREE LEGS FOR A \_\_\_\_\_ FAITH**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us balanced

**Balancing** (Cont’d)

“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.” 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us balanced

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us balanced

“Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.” Daniel 1:20 (NLT)

“...Don’t let the errors of evil people lead you down the wrong path and make you lose your balance.” 2 Peter 3:17 (CEV)

“Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.” Jude 1:24 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, I thank you that I can live by faith. Today I make a decision to repent of my pride and independence. I choose to follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and obey His Word. Bless me with big faith, and help me to stay balanced and strong. In Christ’s Name, AMEN

**RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK’S SMALL GROUPS**

**Icebreaker:** Have several tell an embarrassing story of falling down.

**Scripture Focus:** Let each member share a verse from this teaching-- one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

**Discussion Focus:** What is the difference between faith and folly?

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for holiness, wisdom, and humility in the group.

**REMEMBER** to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)