

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 6.

Psalm 69:5-6 "O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
O Lord God of hosts;
let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me,
O God of Israel." (ESV)

David did not pretend to be perfect, and neither should we. We all have sinned, and we all continue to sin. But what happens when our sins cause others to stumble? What happens when our sins cause others to question their faith? Or worse yet, what happens when our sins cause others to abandon their faith altogether?

There are times we mess up, and our actions cause others to stumble and falter in their faith. This is why we always point others to Jesus and not ourselves. He alone is perfect. We will never be.

When Jesus went to the cross, how many faltered for a moment? How many ran away? How many walked miles to go back home? But as shameful as the cross appeared to be, it was because of the cross that the disciples came to find help and strength, knowing it was the way of the cross that led to salvation. Galatians 6:14 "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. . ." (ESV)

May it be our hearts prayer that our sins, that our actions would not be a stumbling block to the faith of others. May others never be ashamed to call Jesus Lord because of our misguided steps. May we pray that our lack of diligence never cause hurt to the spiritual well-being of others. May our lack of sincere devotion in worship, prayer, or study not lead others to dishonor God or be dishonored by God.

Our lives have an impact on those around us. People are watching our actions and listening to our words. So, may we live, act, serve, speak in such a way as to lead others to Jesus, and be the kind of believer others want to stand with.