



# WEDNESDAY EVENING

## AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Title:** Take Heed Lest Ye Fall

**Passage:** 1 Corinthians 10:12

**Speaker:** Pastor Dan Preston

**Introduction:** We have all seen it happen when someone who seemed strong, steady, and faithful suddenly falls. And when they do, the damage is never small. It affects families, shakes churches, and brings reproach upon the name of Jesus Christ. Moments like these remind us of a sobering truth: this can happen to anyone. That is why we must not focus on the failure of others, but examine our own hearts. Our text tonight is not a call to fear, but to humility, vigilance, and a guarded walk with God.

### I. The Danger of Overconfidence

The moment you believe you are beyond falling is the moment you are most vulnerable.

*"...Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." (Matthew 26:33)*

We allow ourselves to drift because deep down inside we believe we are okay, and strong enough to live absent of that daily accountable walk with Christ.

### II. The Devastation of a Fall

The name of Christ is dragged through the mud in a watching world that is already looking for reasons to reject Him.



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Sin always promises secrecy and control, but it always delivers exposure and destruction.

*“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)*

### **III. The Responsibility of Every Believer**

You don't accidentally stay faithful. You intentionally pursue it.

Guarding your heart means staying close to the Word of God, maintaining a real prayer life, putting boundaries in place before you need them, and having accountability in your life, someone who can ask hard questions and speak truth.

### **IV. The Hope We Hold Onto**

*“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful...” (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

You are not alone in your struggle. You are not without help. You are not without a way of escape.

We don't stand because we are strong. We stand because He is faithful.

**Conclusion:** The truth remains clear and unchanging. We are not called to trust in our own strength, but to walk carefully and humbly before God. The warning still stands in 1 Corinthians 10:12: we must take heed, not casually, not occasionally, but continually. Because faithfulness is not maintained by accident, it is guarded by intention. If we are to stand, it will not be because we are strong enough, but because we have stayed close enough to His Word, to His will, and to Him.