



#10 - FOUR STEPS FOR RECOVERING FROM A FALL

At that point all of his disciples ran away and abandoned him. **Mark 14:50**

➤ GOD WILL HELP ME RECOVER FROM A FALL AS...

1. I _____ ON _____ OF MY FAITH.

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. **Acts 1:1-3a** (NIV)

When we told you about the power...of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, we did not follow any clever myths. Rather, we were eyewitnesses... **2 Peter 1:16** (ISV)

2. I _____ JESUS TO WORK _____ BEFORE I EXPECT HIM TO WORKS _____.

...He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. **Acts 1:hy 3b** (NIV)

Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Friends, it is this same power and resurrection power that²⁰ He used in the Anointed One to raise Him from the dead... **Ephesians 1:19-20a** (Voice)

Now to the God who can do so many awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us, **Ephesians 4:20** (Voice)

Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the kingdom of God come?" Jesus answered, "God's kingdom is coming, but not in a way that you will be able to see with your eyes."²¹ People will not say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' because God's kingdom is within¹ you." **Luke 17:20-21** (NCV)

3. I _____ WITH _____ GOD PLACED IN MY LIFE.

- In Acts 1, God reveals three powerful connection tools He uses.

First: He connects me as I _____.

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:7-8** (NIV)

Second: He connects me as I _____.

...the apostles returned to Jerusalem from... the Mount of Olives....¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **Acts 1:12-14** (NIV)

Third: He connects me as I _____.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters,^[d] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out.¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this....) "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,'
and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, **Acts 1:15 - 21** (NIV)

"Every said has a past and every sinner has a future." **Oscar Wilde**

4. I BECOME _____ OF _____ OF GOD

In Acts 1, God supplies two inspiring promises to sustain me:

- God promises to _____ to life faithfully in this life.

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:6-8** (NIV)

- God promises to _____ eternal life in the next.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." **Acts 1:10-11** (NIV)