

# *Step by Step*

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*“For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”*

(Isaiah 28:10 ESV)

*“The problem in our walk with God is that we choose to stop walking.”*

Troy Reno

*“We can only do today what God has called us to do today.”*

Steven Weeks

Isaiah 28 speaks to a proud, stubborn, stupid people. They refuse to be taught—they scoff in drunkenness. Instead of relying on God, they rely on themselves. They stop walking.

The more I study, the more I realize that I really don't have it all figured out. Questions come faster than answers. There are sixty-six books in the Bible—who knows how many verses that is. Each of the verses can be interpreted on different levels. Even the individual letters have meaning. To learn it all would take eternity.

I continue to make mistakes. From time to time I have to admit that I was wrong about something. I've had to apologize to people numerous times. Each time its like falling face flat on the floor. I'm a fallible human—proud, stubborn, and stupid. But I keep walking.

In the end of Matthew 6, Yeshua tells us not to worry about tomorrow. Today has enough trouble of its own. Ezekiel 18 says not to worry about the past. A wicked person who repents and does what is right will be saved. We need to focus on doing today what has to be done today with the knowledge that our heavenly Father has given us today. Yes, we'll learn new things tomorrow. But we cannot refuse to make a decision simply because we don't know everything. We must choose daily whether to do what we know to be right or to remain indecisive. The lukewarm will be swept away by the current of the world. We can't afford to continually sit on the fence. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that we will not be tested beyond what we are able to handle. So today we face the tests placed before us today and allow God to prepare for the trials of tomorrow. One step at a time.

Acts 15 is famous for the letter to the Gentiles with the four prohibitions. These four laws were a starting point so that the Gentiles could fellowship in the synagogues on Sabbath (Acts 15:21). The Apostles knew that they could not lay the entire Torah on the new believers at once. Learning God's instructions is a process. It takes time. Therefore, we must approach it day by day, step by step.

They said start here and then you can learn the rest. This is similar to a Jewish parable about a Gentile who came to Rabbi Hillel. The Gentile said “Teach me the entire Torah while I stand on one leg.” I don't know about you, but I can't stand on one leg long enough even to hear the whole Torah, much less understand it. But this was not a problem for Rabbi Hillel. He said to the Gentile “Love God and do unto your neighbor as you would have him do unto you. The rest is commentary. Now go and learn.” We are given a starting point and then instructed to continue on in the path.

Each day we must take what we have been given and use it to bring glory to God's name. Each day we must continue to grow closer to our Father. We must keep walking step by step, day by day.

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