

The Balancing Act

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Have you ever considered how amazing our sense of balance is? If God had asked me, I would have placed our balance-control mechanism in our belly buttons. After all, it is the center of our bodies!

God, however, chose the inner ear.

We daily take our sense of balance for granted, and yet, it can take so little to make us dizzy and disoriented or lose our bearings. The devil knows that it takes little to get us off balance in our faith.

Jesus addressed this weakness in Matthew 26:31–32: *This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.*

Did you catch that? Jesus knew when He spoke to His disciples that they would all abandon him, but He told them He would come back to see them again after He rose from the dead. He was encouraging them to remember Him when their lives became out of balance.

God’s inspired Word gives us the same encouragement. He knows we are weak, sinful beings, but He loved us enough to send Jesus to live, die, and rise again so that we can live also.

When you become dizzy, disoriented, or off balance in your faith, His forgiveness already awaits you. Your heavenly Father loves you; He knows you and He will be waiting with welcoming arms to catch you.

Just as God created our inner ear to maintain our physical balance, He sends us his Holy Spirit to right our spiritual balance. Praise God!

So walk the tight rope, mount the balance beam, and dance on your toes ... keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus, not on your belly button. Happy balancing act!

