



## Do I Stumble? by Tricia Bergey

In September, while reading through 1 John, the words "...*nothing in them to make them stumble*" caught my attention. I recalled that phrase. Since I read a Psalm almost daily, I have read through the book many times. I pause when I get to Psalm 119:165, "Great peace have they who love Your law, and *nothing can make them stumble.*" The first time I paused to think about it, I wrote "Wow" next to the verse. Is the Psalmist exaggerating to make such a statement?

Since I noticed this very similar statement in 1 John, I wanted to study the context of how it's used in both places and learn from it. The entire chapter of Psalm 119 makes statements of assurance that the Lord's promises have been tested and can be trusted, of delight in the words of the Lord, and of commitment to obey and hope in Him. This results in the confident statement that the Psalmist can't think of anything that would cause the person who loves God's law to stumble.

1 John 2:9-11 says "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is *nothing in them to make them stumble.* John continues by saying this darkness of hate blinds the believer and they don't know where they are going. That person will be prone to sin because they are missing God's guidance, whereas the person living in the light of Christ can see clearly the path for life.

Similar to the thought on stumbling, I have recently been praying for myself and a few others who are experiencing various kinds of foot pain. On September 13, I read Psalm 121 that says, "(The Lord) will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber...." As I read that, I was prompted to use that scripture to guide my prayers, specifically for one person dealing with weak ankles and foot pain. I began praying, realizing there have been believers in Christ whose foot has actually slipped while walking, hiking, etc. Accidents have happened. My prayer for those of us with foot pain became this...that we will experience physical healing and that we will be sure-footed, and that we will spend time with the Lord in His word so that we do not doubt.

"The law of his God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip."  
Psalm 37:31

*Thank You, Lord, that You do not need rest as we do. Help us see that You want to keep us from stumbling in our faith in You and resist the temptation to stray from You.*

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT: Encouraging women to connect in deeper, genuine relationships both with each other and with Jesus Christ.



# Making Connections

Meet **Linda Boll**.

My name is Linda Boll. My parents are Curt and Susan Keeler Stoudt. I have one sister, Mary Lou Metzler. We grew up in Souderton and had a grocery store called Stoudt's Market on Hillside Avenue. During my high school years I worked at the store, saving money so I could further my education. I always wanted to become a nurse. During those high school years, I also volunteered as a candy striper at Grand View Hospital, which I greatly enjoyed. After graduating high school, I enrolled for nurses training at Grand View Hospital. I enjoyed training at Grand View, Norristown State, and CHOP.

I married Glenn Boll from Manheim, Pa. We had three children: Gwen (married to Jeff Roth) living in Hesston, Ks, Wendy (married to Jake Van Wingerden) in Earleville, Md, and Nate in Pennsburg, Pa. We are also blessed with 7 grandchildren: Ashley, Jacob, Emma, Grace, Jordan, Joshua, and Katie (Grant Raleigh).



The majority of my nursing career was spent working in doctor offices. I worked 38 years for Upper Bucks Orthopedics. I worked 12 hrs. per week at first, and then increased hours as my children were in school. I worked in the operating room assisting our doctors in orthopedic procedures and in the office assisting patients. Most of my time was spent casting broken bones. I enjoyed my work there, especially meeting people and helping in their care. I retired from my job in 2018. Since retiring, I have been helping to care for my father.

Glenn and I enjoy travelling, swimming, biking, gardening, feeding the birds, and watching wildlife around our home. I also enjoy reading books, having quiet time each day, reading my Bible, and praying.

The most difficult time in my life is when our oldest granddaughter, Ashley, was suddenly taken in a boating accident. It was a very difficult time for our family. During that time, I read a book written by a woman who lost her 16 year old son in a car accident. She referenced the book "Streams in the Desert", which became a very important and helpful devotional for me during this time. It was also helpful for me to attend Grief Share at Calvary Church, receiving help and support from others going through the grieving process as well. The love, prayers, and support from our church family was treasured.

This summer has been a trying time for me, as I was sick for 8 weeks. I didn't know when I would get better. My immune system was depleted due to a chronic medical condition. After receiving Immunotherapy I am thankful to be feeling much better. Thank you for your prayers offered on my behalf and for God's restoring power.

This is a favorite promise of God that I hold on to....

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; Do not be discouraged." – Deut. 31:8



# Get Involved!



## Bible Verse for October:

I Thessalonians 5:16-18  
"Be joyful always;  
Pray continually;  
Give thanks in all  
circumstances, for this  
is God's will for you in  
Christ Jesus."

**LADIES' GAME NIGHT**  
in November,  
date and details  
to be announced

Thursday, October 3, 2024  
*BRING YOUR BIBLE DAY*  
is an annual celebration  
that empowers Christians  
(all ages) to live out  
their faith. All it takes  
are two simple steps—  
bringing your Bible  
and sharing what God's  
Word means to you!



## Other Upcoming Activities

### **Sewing Circle**

Tuesday, Oct. 8  
8 AM – 4 PM

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 PM

### **Women's Bible Study**

Thursdays 7-8 PM  
Oct. 10 – Nov. 21  
Sign up by Oct. 6th

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Team Members: Janet Derstine, Julie Stitt, Charity Veltre, & Heidi Yoder,

