

# **I BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT I'M FALLING AND FAILING**

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*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your old self

*And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:27 NLT*

*Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Colossians 3:9-10 ESV*

*... put on the Lord Jesus Christ as your clothing. Don't think about how to satisfy what your sinful nature wants. Romans 13:14 NIRV*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the new self

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14 NIV*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ toward the goal.

## **QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUPS:**

- 1. What are some “old self” issues or characteristics you need to “Put Off?”**
- 2. What are 2 Christ-like qualities you would like to “Put On” as a new creation in Christ?**
- 3. What’s one thing that *hinders* you from “Pressing On” in your relationship with Jesus?**
- 4. What’s one thing that *encourages* you to “Press On” in your relationship with Jesus?**



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