Does it matter …if I fall back into sin?

Once we become a Christian, we have a responsibility to be faithful. On several occasions, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. The cost of discipleship is one that requires a full commitment. Unfortunately, it is easy for us to fall back into sin and into the world we just escaped.

God is not please by those Christians who fallback into sin. Unfortunately, if you look in our world today, there are many Christians who fall back into sin for a variety of reasons.

1. Jesus warned of the cost of discipleship (Luke 9:57-62)
2. Hebrews 10:35-39, why do we draw back?
	1. Many today may be ridiculed for following Christ.
	2. There are parts of the world, where one’s allegiance to Christ could lead to death.
	3. Family pressure (Matthew 10:35-37)
	4. A loss of financial stability (we live in a world today where pressure can be put on businesses that don’t accept worldly behaviors (homosexuality, etc)).
	5. A love for material possession
3. Faith is needed to serve God wholeheartedly (Hebrews 10:19-25)
	1. 1st century Christians faced tremendous persecution. They faced the type of persecution that impacted the morale of the early church. The Hebrews writer encourages them to “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering”
	2. In Hebrews 9 to 10:18, the Hebrews writer displays that salvation is not found in the rituals of the Levitical priesthood instead it is found in the death of Christ.
	3. Jesus death on the cross for our sins has made it possible for us to have access to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus.
	4. In verses 22-25, the writer encourages these Christians. He knows their struggles and he encourage them to hold fast to their confession of hope. To do this, they must keep their eyes on Christ. Consider, in order to persevere we also need the encouragement of others. As Christians (in the 1st century) were dying for the name of Christ, consider how the encouragement they received from their fellow Christian helped them to endure to the end. If our fellow Christians who are enduring the same struggles that we endure are faithful, it encourages us to remain faithful as well.
	5. The Hebrews writer also provides a warning for those who fall away.