

Fall back Sunday

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Heb. 10:38-39(NKJV) - Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

³⁹ But we are not of those who draw back to perdition (destruction), but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Daylight Savings Time.

“spring forward and fall back”

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DST was originally suggested by Benjamin Franklin in 1784, when he wrote an article to the Journal of Paris suggesting that the citizens of Paris could save on candles by getting out of bed one hour earlier and using the morning light.

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During [World War I](#), in an effort to conserve fuel, [Germany](#) began observing DST on May 1, 1916. The rest of Europe soon followed. The plan was not adopted in the United States until the [Standard Time Act of March 19, 1918](#).

The idea was unpopular and Congress abolished DST after the war, overriding President [Woodrow Wilson](#)'s veto. DST became a local option and was observed in some states until [World War II](#), when President [Franklin Roosevelt](#) instituted year-round DST, called "War Time", on February 9, 1942.

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By 1962, the transportation industry found the lack of consistency confusing enough to push for federal regulation. The result was the [Uniform Time Act of 1966](#).

Beginning in 1967, the act mandated standard time within the established time zones and provided for advanced time: clocks would be advanced one hour beginning at 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday in April and turned back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

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States could exempt themselves from DST if the entire state did so. If a state chose to observe DST, the time changes were required to begin and end on the established dates. In 1967, [Arizona](#) and [Michigan](#) became the first states to exempt themselves from DST (Michigan would begin observing DST in 1972).

In 1972, the act was amended, allowing those states split between time zones to exempt either the entire state or that part of the state lying within a different time zone. The newly created [Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#) was given power to enforce the law. As of 2014, the following states and territories are not observing DST: [Arizona](#), [Hawaii](#), [American Samoa](#), [Puerto Rico](#), and the [Virgin Islands](#)

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Twice a year, we have figured out a way to do the impossible, we manipulate time. In the spring we skip an hour, and in the autumn, we fall back and replay an hour.

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1). Refuse to look back:

Philippians 3:12-13(GNT)- I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. ¹³ Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do

my best to reach what is ahead.

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Acts 6:1-6(NLT)- But as the believers<sup>[a]</sup> rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.

<sup>2</sup> So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, “We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. <sup>3</sup> And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. <sup>4</sup> Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word.”

<sup>5</sup> Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). <sup>6</sup> These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them.

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Acts 6:5(NLT)- Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit) ...

Acts 6:8(NLT)- Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people.

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Acts 6:10(NLT)- None of them could stand against the wisdom and the Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

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Acts 6:12-15(NLT)- This roused the people, the elders, and the teachers of religious law. So, they arrested Stephen and brought him before the high council.

¹³ The lying witnesses said, “This man is always speaking against the holy Temple and against the law of Moses. ¹⁴ We have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth^[b] will destroy the Temple and change the customs Moses handed down to us.” ¹⁵ At this point everyone in the

high council stared at Stephen, because his face became as bright as an angel's.

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Acts 7:54-60(NLT)~ The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>56</sup> And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!" <sup>57</sup> Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him <sup>58</sup> and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> He fell to his knees, shouting, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And with that, he died.

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Acts 7:57-58(NLT)~ ⁵⁷ Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him ⁵⁸ and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul.

- Saul didn't just have a solitary moment in which he got caught up with a bad crowd; Saul intentionally did evil things and was the #1 enemy of the early church.

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Acts 8:1-3(NLT)~ Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) <sup>3</sup> But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

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Acts 9:1-2(NLT)- Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers.^[a] So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

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Saul encountered Jesus and his heart was completely transformed. But his heart transformation didn't erase the actions of his past; neither did the transformation allow him to fall back and redo his past.

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Phil.3:12-14(Passion)- I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. ¹³ I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however, I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. ¹⁴ I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

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"Maintain one compelling focus; forget your past and fasten your heart on your future."

• There is a strange vibe that harasses us and tempts us to live in regret. When we accept regret as penitence for our past, (living with a perception that we must live daily feeling terrible about what we did) we declare Christ's sacrifice insufficient for our failures.

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• Leaving our past requires a compelling focus. Paul heard about his past continually; he encountered people who

didn't forgive him; he saw things which reminded him of his shameful actions; he understood the temptation to live in regret and condemnation- but you can't go back so he focused on forgetting his past.

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2 Sam. 12:13-24 (NLT) ~ Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord<sup>[a]</sup> by doing this, your child will die."

<sup>15</sup> After Nathan returned to his home, the Lord sent a deadly illness to the child of David and Uriah's wife. <sup>16</sup> David begged God to spare the child. He went without food and lay all night on the bare ground.

<sup>17</sup> The elders of his household pleaded with him to get up and eat with them, but he refused.

<sup>18</sup> Then on the seventh day the child died. David's advisers were afraid to tell him. "He wouldn't listen to reason while the child was ill," they said. "What drastic thing will he do when we tell him the child is dead?"

<sup>19</sup> When David saw them whispering, he realized what had happened. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

<sup>20</sup> Then David got up from the ground, washed himself, put on lotions,<sup>[b]</sup> and changed his clothes. He went to the Tabernacle and worshiped the Lord. After that, he returned to the palace and was served food and ate.

<sup>21</sup> His advisers were amazed. "We don't understand you," they told him. "While the child was still living, you wept and refused to eat. But now that the child is dead, you have stopped your mourning and are eating again."

<sup>22</sup> David replied, "I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, 'Perhaps the Lord will be gracious to me and let the child live.'

<sup>23</sup> But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me."

<sup>24</sup> Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and David<sup>[c]</sup> named him Solomon. The Lord loved the child



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• God's Word gives us specific instruction on Falling Back:

1). Refuse to look back:

2). There are moments to step back

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Acts 16:4-10(Passion)~ They went out together as missionaries, traveling to different cities where they preached and informed the churches of the decrees of the apostolic council of Jerusalem for the non-Jewish converts to observe. <sup>5</sup> All the churches were growing daily and were encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

<sup>6</sup> The Holy Spirit had forbidden Paul and his partners to preach the word in the southwestern provinces of Turkey, so they ministered throughout the region of central and west-central Turkey. <sup>7</sup> When they got as far west as the borders of Mysia, they repeatedly attempted to go north into the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to enter. <sup>8</sup> So instead they went right on through the province of Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

<sup>9</sup> While staying there Paul experienced a supernatural, ecstatic vision during the night. A man from Macedonia appeared before him, pleading with him, "You must come across the sea to Macedonia and help us!"

<sup>10</sup> After Paul had this vision, we immediately prepared to cross over to Macedonia, convinced that God himself was calling us to go and preach the wonderful news of the gospel to them.

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• Course Correction is always for protection

1). Protects us from Satan's schemes

2). Protects the plan and purposes of God

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Philippians; 1&2 Thessalonians; 1&2 Corinthians

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With God, delay is not denial and detour is not defeat.

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- Fifteen years after Paul went to Macedonia~the Apostle Peter went to Asia and preached the gospel and great revival occurred.  
1 Peter 1:1 (NLT)~ This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.