

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment. Don't be so sure of yourself. It really can happen to you.

The winter of my freshman year in college I went ice-skating with some of my friends. We were having a great time. I wandered away from the group to the far side of the pond. I didn't think twice about there being any danger, but I was wrong. The ice was thinner than I thought, and I fell through. Luckily I was near the edge and the water was very shallow. I didn't realize it but I had been standing on thin ice.

Some of us are entirely too confident in ourselves. We may be standing on thinner ice than we realize. And those of us who have been believers for a long time are particularly vulnerable to self-righteousness and its false self-assurance.

That's why I'm convinced we're warned in 1 Corinthians chapter 10 verse 12; “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” If your head is so far up in the clouds and you're just looking all around you then you won't watch where you're standing. Be careful, our legs might be weaker than we think.

I can't tell you at this stage in my life the number of times I have seen people fail and fall because of this degree of self-centered arrogance. We don't call it that but this confidence that's turned toward who we are, our ability, our trust in our experience, our trust in our insights or our ability to cope is not good enough. Sin is powerful and the flesh is weak, but the problem is that we're so easily self-deceived.

Here's what I want you to remember today. As long as we are breathing we are needy people and there is the potential for sinful, shameful failure. Trust God to keep you, but please...don't trust yourself.