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## Sermon Title: Walk or Stumble?

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**Scripture:** - Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them. [Hosea 14:9]

1. Hosea didn't suffer because he was a fool; he suffered because he was faithful. He willingly accepted personal anguish as part of his divine assignment.
2. Sin usually starts small and then grows.
3. If you live as if other pursuits are more important than God they will eventually become more important than God!
4. When attention to God decreases the likelihood of idolatry increases.
5. As God fades in importance things inferior to God become more important.
6. Those who refuse God's grace choose God's judgment, because God's judgment is simply His releasing the consequences of our choices.
7. God's ultimatums are proof of His love.
8. Ultimately it isn't God who orders drastic measures; it's us!
9. It's idolatry that's truly bizarre!
10. God's love doesn't act according to logic. It acts according to His nature. And His nature is love.

## Growth Group Questions

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#### KICK-OFF

1. What do you and/or your family like to do most weekends?
2. Do you find it increasingly difficult for you or your family to attend church each week? If so, what are some of the competing obligations that interfere? In what ways have they had an impact?

#### THE GAME PLAN

1. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?
2. Do you believe your "spiritual" condition influences your everyday life? If so, in what ways?
3. Have you ever sensed that God was asking you to do something that might appear unusual or bizarre to others? If so, what was it and how did it make you feel? Describe the outcome?

#### OVERTIME

1. Are you clinging to any idols you know you must dispose of to get back on track in your relationship with God? If so, are you willing to expose them by bringing them into the light?
2. Share about a time when God pursued you despite your rebellion.
3. Break into smaller groups and pray for our "ACAC NEXT GEN" initiatives:
  - A. Campus Redesign
  - B. Homestead Church Plant
  - C. Communications

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