

Too Scared To Stumble **Mark 9:42-50**

Beware the cost for causing others to stumble. 42

- ◆ Little ones = the least of believers, see context cf. Matt. 25:40,45.
- ◆ Stumble = to sin / fall away, 14:27-29, Matt. 16:23, II Cor. 11:9.
- ◆ What does sinking in the sea suggest, Rev. 18:21, I Cor. 3:13-15?
- ◆ What things must I not do to avoid terrible loss? Rom. 14:13-21, I Cor. 8:9-13, II Thess. 4:6, Eph. 6:4, I Tim. 2:9, II Tim. 2:18.

Beware the cost for leaving stumbling blocks in your life. 43-48

- ◆ Recall our sin problem is because of 7:21—not our body parts.
- ◆ Why this amputation imagery that's in Matt. 5:22,29,30, 18:8,9?

- ◆ What things might we need to cut / gouge out of our lives?

- ◆ Hell = ultimate destiny of the lost, which is much worse than whatever “amputations” a disciple of Jesus will experience.

Be aware all will face trials so be salty and at peace. 49,50

- ◆ v. 49, everyone will experience *fire* (trials / judgment).
- ◆ v. 50, salt = our preservative-like effect on society, which also should cause peace / unity, Matt. 5:13, Col. 4:6, Rom. 14:19.

