

# Gaining Traction!

## I John 2



# Don't get Stuck!

*1 John 1:10 - 2:21 (NLT2)*

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*<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.*



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*<sup>5</sup> But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.*



*<sup>9</sup> If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves another brother or sister is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble.*

*<sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates another brother or sister is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.*



*<sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup> For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.*





*17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.*



*18 Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.*

*21 So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies.*



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## I. Sin can cause us to get stuck

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I. Sin can cause us to get stuck

*A. Past sin*



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I. Sin can cause us to loose traction

*A. Guilt, Shame and Regret from Past sin*



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I. Sin can cause us to loose traction

*B. Practicing sinful behavior*

*It's either a love issue, a stronghold, or both.*



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**We have an Advocate!**





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## II. Unforgiveness will cause one to loose traction.

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**III. Unforgiveness will cause one to loose traction.**

*Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT2)*

*<sup>14</sup> “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*



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## III. Unforgiveness will cause one to loose traction.

A. There are times when we must forgive

B. There are times when we need to ask forgiveness from others.



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**III. Misdirected Love will cause us to get stuck.**

**A. When we love things more than God**



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### **III. Misdirected Love will cause us to get stuck.**

B. When our Christian life has more to do with following a set of rules than having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ



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### **III. Misdirected Love will cause us to get stuck.**

Revelation 2:4 (NLT2)

<sup>4</sup> “But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!



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I. Not knowing if you have eternal life can cause you to get stuck.

*1 John 5:13 (NLT2)*

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*1 John 2:5*

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## IV. Listening to Lies of the World will casue us to get stuck.

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# V. Doubt of your eternal destiny or security is a pit.

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