

# LITTLEFOXES

How to defeat them in 4 days

*“Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes.”*

*(Song of Solomon 2:15)*



Impatience, complaining and gossiping! It's part of everyday life and couldn't possibly be that big a deal when it comes to our faith, right? WRONG! Last week we learned how these seemingly innocent little foxes can cause huge damage in our communion with God and consequently put our salvation at risk.

**What are this week's little foxes?** Let's find out.



## **DOUBT AND FEAR: The devouring little foxes**

These tiny twins wield enormous power over our lives. Jesus had to constantly chase these foxes off in the lives of the Apostles, and we must do the same.

**“But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”** (Mark 4:40)



## **DISCOURAGEMENT: The creeping little fox**

Though small in stature, this tiny fox creeps into every Christian's life at one point or another. Those who detect and guard themselves against the other little foxes often fall victim to this creepy little fox, especially when things go wrong or the answer to a prayer is delayed.

Shake it off! Let the weak say, 'I am strong!'

**“Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, “I am strong.” (Joel 3:10)**



## **COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD: The conformed little fox**

This little fox is welcomed with open arms in many church circles. Like the others, this fox seems harmless at first; however, as time passes, it utterly destroys a person's communion with God. It uses various methods to lead a person to compromise their faith and conform to the world's version of 'normal'.

*The compromise: an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. 'Eventually, they reached a compromise.'*

For example, the influence of this fox leads many Christians to compromise when it comes to fashion. They embrace trends that distort the image of what a man and woman of God should look like. They compromise by holding on to friendships that divert their focus from heavenly things to worldly ones, music that has nothing to do with our faith, and beliefs that are laced with the poison of this world (e.g. emotions), which only draw a person further away from God.

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)**