

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Discipleship Distinctives"
Luke 17:1-10
Study-69

Context of our passage - Luke 9:51-19:27 Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem for His goal of the cross.

**Note for the third time Luke mentions Jesus' travels to Jerusalem
Luke 17:11**

Luke 17 Discipleship Attitude Towards God And Others:

Verses 1-10 Discipleship Distinctions:

Verses 11-19 Gratitude To God:

Verses 20-37 His Return:

In our passage these "Disciple Distinctives" are Disciplines – the term Discipline "training, to be taught, to learn, to teach"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Forgiving Others, Not Being A Stumbling Block, Increasing Faith, And Being Faithful Are Distinctives Of Discipleship."

1. Verses 1-3 Watch Yourselfes:

2. Verses 3-4 Forgive Others:

3. Verses 5-6 Have Faith:

4. Verses 7-10 Indebted Grace:

1. Verses 1-3 Watch Yourselfes:

Luke 17:1 He said to His disciples, Context - Luke 15 Lost And Found, Luke 16 Money/Resource, Luke 16:14 were scoffing at Him. (Note, stumbling blocks)

He said to His Disciples – He is a follower of the teacher and his teaching. **Context –** Religious have misrepresented God to the people, stumbling the followers of Jesus!

"It is inevitable (The impossibility not to) that stumbling blocks come, the term **stumbling blocks** Greek Word - skan'-dal-on we get our word "scandal" it was used of a movable stick or trigger of a trap, a trap stick" (deliberate snare, to catch)

James 3:2; 1 John 1:10

but woe to him through whom they come! point that Jesus is making is that we are going to sin but look out if our sin causes others to sin.

Romans 14:13

Luke 17:2 Judgment For Causing Others To Sin: "It would be better for him if a millstone Archeologist have unearthed some of these basalt stones and the small ones are over 2 tons. **Matthew 18:6-7; Mark 9:42**

were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, better to drown than to have our sin hurt someone.

than that he would cause (*to embrace sin*) **one of these little ones to stumble.** What does Jesus mean by these **little ones**? Two possible ways of looking at this:

1. Children: Matthew 18:5-6; Ephesians 6:4

2. Young Believers: "little ones" publicans and sinners who had come to believe in Jesus Christ **Luke 15:1**

Acts 20:29-30

There are non-essentials that trip people up. Can't wear make-up, jewelry, can't eat meat, no caffeine, sugar free.

Those that possess Knowledge must learn to balance what they know with Love! 1 Corinthians 8:13 I might not cause my brother to stumble.

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

Luke 17:3 "Be on your guard!" *"to beware, to take heed" (Be on lookout) We should be lovingly looking out for others!*

2. Verses 3-4 Forgive Others:

Luke 17:3 Jesus Reverses The Order "What if Others sin against us?" *If your brother sins, "to err, be mistaken, wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong, violate God's law"*

rebuke him; to convict and convince of error. To confront, to show the way of the error.

Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2

and if he repents, *"to change the mind, to change one's direction"*

forgive him. *"cancel the debt" or "set one forever free from the obligation"*

Luke 17:4 "And if he sins against you seven times a day, A person really must work at it to sin against a person **seven times** in a day. **and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,'** They return **seven times**

forgive him." Get in the habit of forgiving others!

Biblical Forgiveness - Three Parts: (1) Commitment To Not Entertain The Thought Of The Past Sin, (2) We Don't Bring It Back Up To The Person, (3) We Don't Repeat It To Others.

Matthew 18:21-22; Hebrews 12:15; Matthew 6:14-15

3. Verses 5-6 Have Faith:

Luke 17:5 Apostles – *"One sent with a message, or sent out"*

said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" Notice their request (Prayer)

The context is that Jesus said that if someone sins against you **seven times** you need to forgive them. You talk about faith.

By faith we leave the consequences to God. It is faith to let something go and leave it in the Lords hands!

Luke 17:6 Not The Amount Of Faith But The Object Of Faith: And the Lord said, (God Speaking) Mustard seed – considered in Jesus' day the smallest of seeds. **(Alive and Growing, not amount but its presence, Faith In Jesus!)**

Figuratively - Small Faith Can Accomplish Amazing Things: you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted Rabbi's said mulberry tree, roots would last for 600 years. Impossible to untangle. **Mark 11:22 "Have Faith In God"**

and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you. Speaks of an almost impossible feat.

This faith is a living, growing faith. Our faith and our desires must line up with God! **1 John 5:14-15**

True Genuine Faith:

1. It is willing to forgive -
2. It is willing to continue to forgive –
3. It is willing to trust and leave the situation in God's hands – Faith to endure pain

4. Verses 7-10 Indebted Grace:

Luke 17:7 "Which of you, (Literally, "Can any of you imagine?"")

Privilege must be balanced with responsibility.

having a slave plowing or tending sheep, During Jesus' day slavery was very common.

A Master's Absolute Authority Over His Slave: will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?

Our relationship to God is based upon grace. God purchased us by His grace, by grace are you saved through faith!

Luke 17:8 "But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, your task is to cook the evening meal.

properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; multiple tasks.

and afterward you may eat and drink'? desires of his master then think of his personal needs.

Luke 17:9 "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? (Expected answer "NO!")"

Luke 17:10 "So you too, the disciple is to follow the same example:

when you do all the things which are commanded you, we are the slaves that have been given instructions and commands from the Lord.

say, 'We are unworthy slaves; "without need, nobody owes us anything" God's Grace Is Unmerited Favor, our attitude humble and submissive!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

we have done only that which we ought to have done." We don't deserve anything.

John 14:15; 1 John 5:3

Application:

1. All Persons Sin, But We Should Never Cause Another Person To Sin.
2. Forgive People Who Sin As Many Times As They Ask, With No Hesitation Or Limitation. (Like It Never Happened)
3. Any Faith At All Can Be Used To Accomplish God's Works.
4. God Does Not Owe Us A Thing. God Is Not Mans' Debtor, As His Disciples Were Indebted To God Because Of His Grace.