

THE GRACE TO GET UP AGAIN

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MESSAGE NOTES

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. — 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

And He said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" - Luke 17:1-10 (ESV)

And He said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!"—Luke 17:1 (ESV)

It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. — Luke 17:2 (NIV)

The grace to get up through forgiveness

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. — Luke 17:3 (ESV)

"And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." — Luke 17:4 (ESV)

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. - Ephesians 4:31 - 32 (ESV)



The grace to get up through a little faith

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. - Luke 17:5 - 6 (ESV)

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"Each One Reach One"

The grace to get up with a heart for service

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' " - Luke 17:7 - 10 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is the longest bridge or tallest wall that you have seen while traveling?
- From Luke 17:1-2. What are signs of being a stumbling block or wall in someone's life. Why does Christ give us such a strong warning about being "stumbling blocks"?
- We all stumble; why does God's grace always provide a way to get up again after we fall?
- Read Luke 17:5 6. Why do we only need a little faith to see God do great things? What are some of the deep roots that hold people back from the sea of God's goodness?
- Read Luke 17:4. What makes forgiveness such a powerful bridge to experiencing the transforming power of God?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does God declare in this verse and what does it mean for our life in Christ?
- Why does having the heart of a servant help us to get up again after stumbling in life?
- Pray for our church family as we consider how God may want each of us to reach one in this
 season with the hope of Christ. Pray for a few people who need Christ in your life and for opening
 doors of conversation.

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