

We Are Only Servants

Luke 17:1-10

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations will come, and people will sin. But it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a heavy millstone tied around your neck than for you to tempt a little child into sin. So be careful!

"If your friend goes wrong, correct him. If he's sorry, forgive him. Forgive him no matter how many times he has to come to you and say, 'I'm sorry.' "

The apostles came forward and said, "Lord, give us more faith."

Jesus said, "More faith? You don't need more faith. Just use the faith you already have. If you have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, you can say to this tree, 'Go jump in the lake!' and it will.

"Suppose you had a servant who had just come in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you say to your servant, 'Sit down. Relax. Let me get you something to eat'? Probably not. You'd be more likely to say, 'Get yourself cleaned up, bring me my dinner, and wait on me while I eat. Then you can have your own dinner.' A servant doesn't deserve special thanks for doing what a servant is supposed to do. And it's the same with all of you. When you're done with everything you've been told to do, you should say, 'We are only servants. There's nothing special about us. We've only done what we're supposed to do.' "