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FAITH TO FORGIVE

(Luke 17:3-5)

(Luke 17:3-5) "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4) And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. 5) And the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith"

1. "Take heed to yourselves"

"Take heed" - be alert; watch for potential danger; be aware.

"to yourselves" - other warnings include: (Matt. 7:1-5; Gal. 6:1)

2. "If thy brother trespass against thee"

Yes, it can and will happen; and, it can happen "seven times in a day."

"trespass" - cross the line; out of bounds; disobey; a violation.

3. "rebuke him"

Not blabber it all over the neighborhood; harbor malice; point the finger; get even.
(Matt. 18:15) "go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone ..."

4. "and if he repent"

That's the purpose of going to them: repentance, gain a brother, restore.
Repentance comes before forgiveness: (Isaiah 55:7; Psalm 86:5)

5. "forgive him" - get ready! Because he may repent.

Someone said, "To err is human, to forgive is out of the question."

"forgive" - remit the punishment; dismiss; release; liberate; deliverance.

6. "if he trespass against thee seven times in a day ... I repent ... forgive him"

It's hard to forgive a repeat offender, isn't it?

That's what God does to us.

The lesson is that by the time you have forgiven this much, it becomes a habit.

7. "Lord, increase our faith" - we need stronger faith to do what Jesus is asking of us.