**Luke 17: 1-10**

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**Extraordinary Ordinary Discipleship**

1. **Responsibility for One Another’s Sin Vs 1-4**
* Inevitable stumbling stones
* Guilty stumbling stones
* Restorative steppingstones

Although disciples inevitably sin, avoid the guilt of provoking others to sin or leaving others in sin by failing to rebuke them or mercifully extending forgiveness to the repentant.

Disciples are responsible for each other’s sin; we must not set up others to stumble and we must cooperate with God’s merciful restoration when others inevitably sin.

1. **Responsibility to Exercise Faith Vs 5-10**

Exercising a smidgen of faith in God’s character and competency results in Jesus’ disciples performing the extraordinary which includes obedient service, ordinary faithfulness that God expects and is worthy of.

Disciples who responsibly exercise the faith they already have find the extraordinary ability to faithfully obey the Lord Jesus’ commands in ordinary discipleship, something he expects and is worthy of.

**Summary:** Faithfulness in extraordinary ordinary discipleship, something the Lord Jesus expects and deserves and includes taking responsibility for each other’s sin, requires responsible exercise of the faith we already have.

**Questions**

1. What can make disciples vulnerable to stumbling into sin?
2. What are some possible ways that a disciple can become a stumbling stone to other disciples, particularly those who are immature?
3. Why would a disciple who is unrepentant need another disciple to rebuke them for a sin?
4. From your knowledge of Scripture, what would be some principles to keep in mind to guide you in rebuking another disciple for sin?
5. Why should forgiveness not be withheld from the repentant? (Matt. 6:15: Eph. 4:32; 2nd Cor. 2:7)
6. List what you can remember about God’s character and competencies.
7. Circle the ones that will equip and inspire you to avoid being a stumbling stone to others?
8. Tick the ones that would inspire or equip you to be a stepping stone for others’ restoration?
9. Exercising the smidgen of faith we have will result in the extraordinary thing of engaging in ordinary discipleship. Besides being responsible for one another’s sin, what are the other aspects of discipleship, other extraordinary things, things that Jesus expects and deserves from us?
10. How is sharing faith like exercising muscle?
11. Share about a time where you took a risk of faith to faithfully obey him in something that you ordinarily could not do?

What has God most recently asked you to do, or is presently asking you to do that you need to exercise the faith he has given you? What promises or characteristics of God do you have to or need to put your trust in?