



- ◆ Do you ever feel like your faith could be stronger?
- ◆ Do you ever feel weak?
- ✦ Have you ever looked at another Christian and thought, "I wish my faith was that strong!"?
- ✦ Have you ever thought to yourself, "I don't know if I have the faith to do that"?

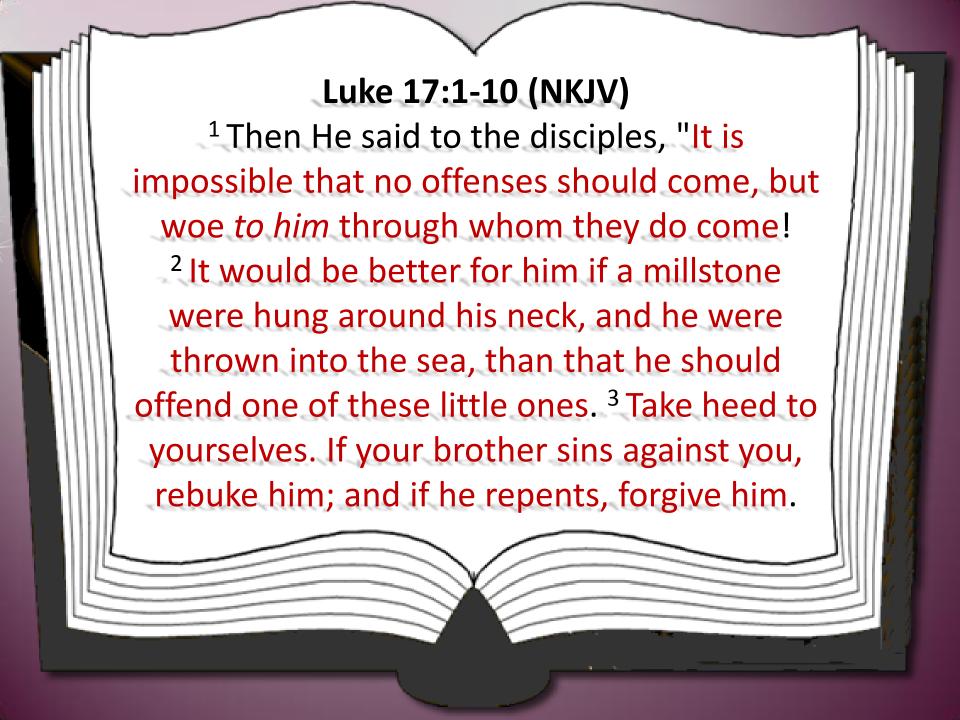


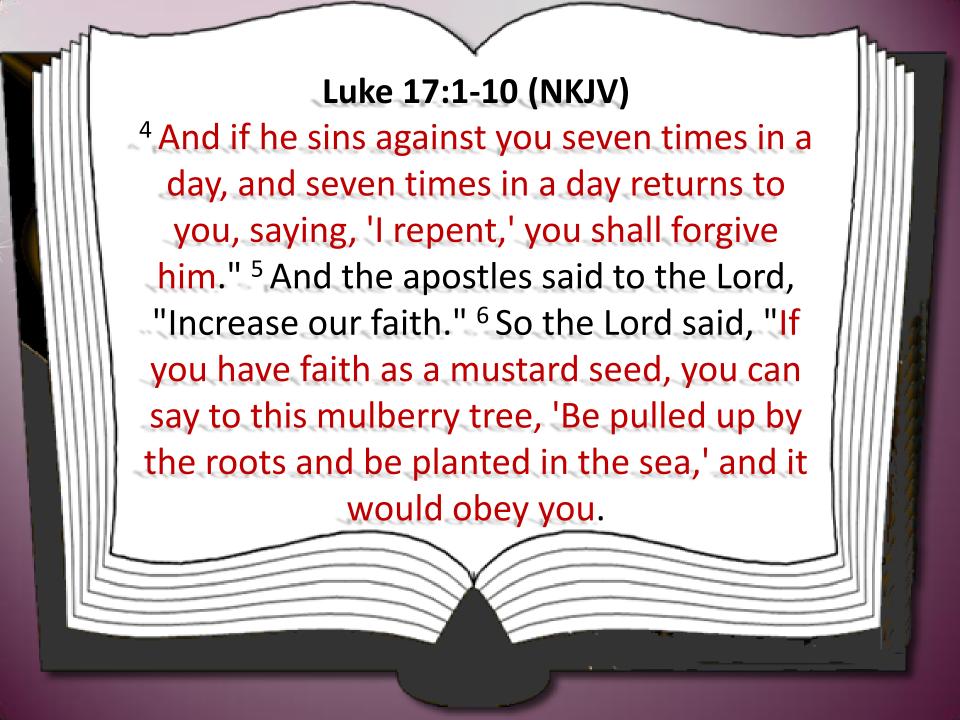
- ◆ The goal of every child of God should be to develop into spiritual maturity and usefulness in the kingdom of God.
- ◆ We will not achieve this goal if we do not aim for it and do the things necessary in achieving it! – Rom 10:17; Acts 17:11,12; James 2:14-26; Heb 5:12-14

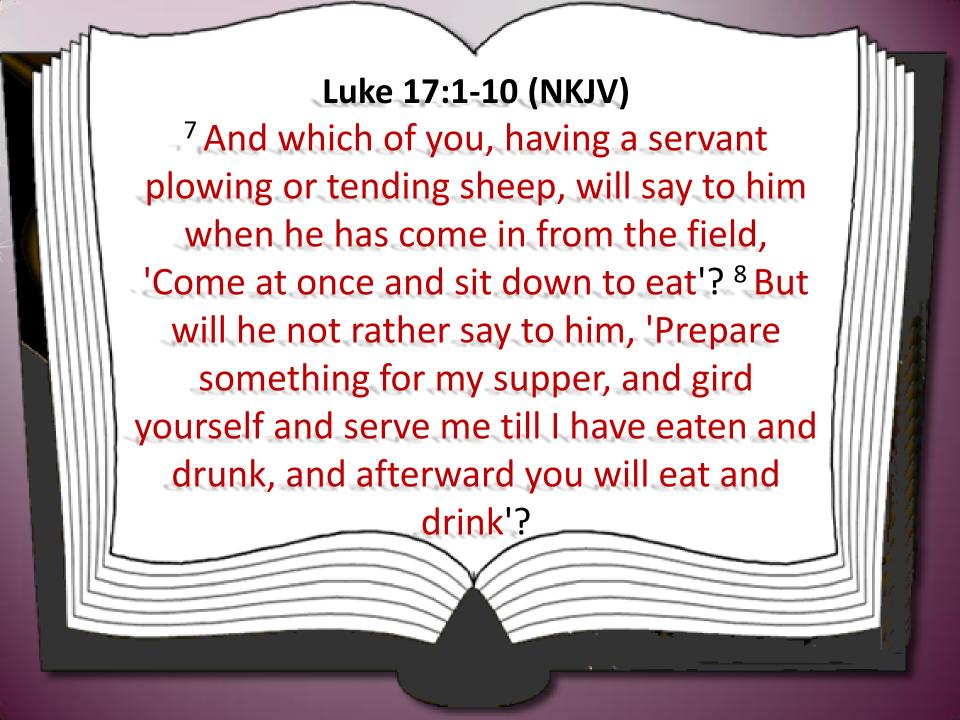
13-16; 12:1-3; 1 Pet 1:3-9

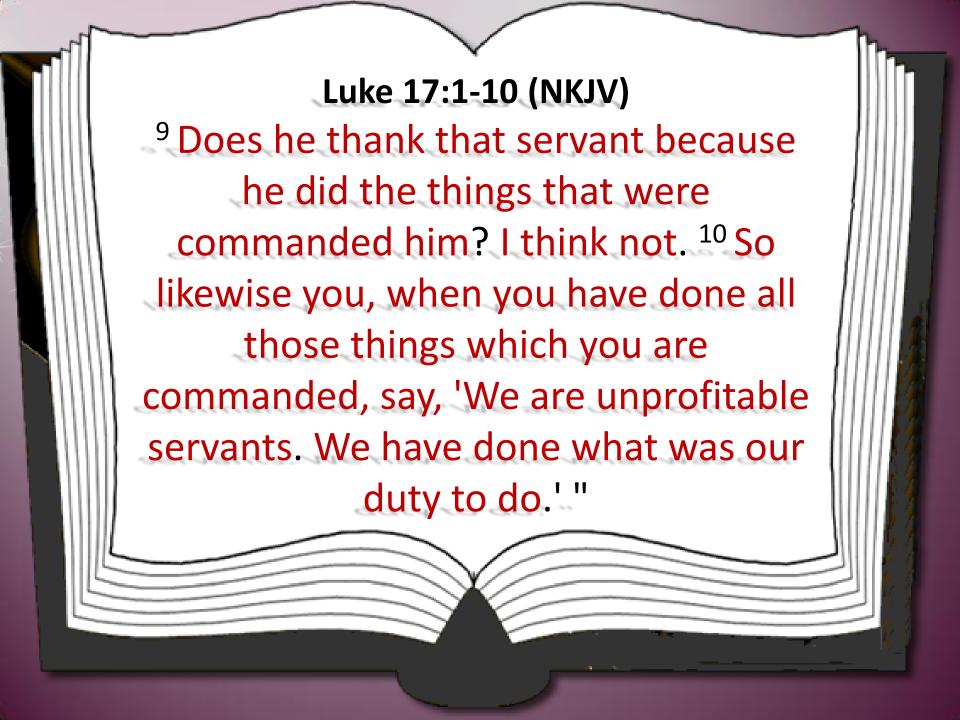


- ◆ Faith is essential in order to please God – Hebrews 11:6
- ◆A strong faith is essential in overcoming the temptations we will face – Ephesians 6:16
- ◆An unwavering faith is essential in receiving the wisdom needed to persevere through the trials of life – James 1:2-8

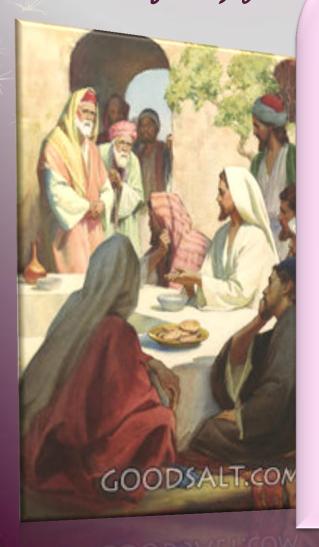






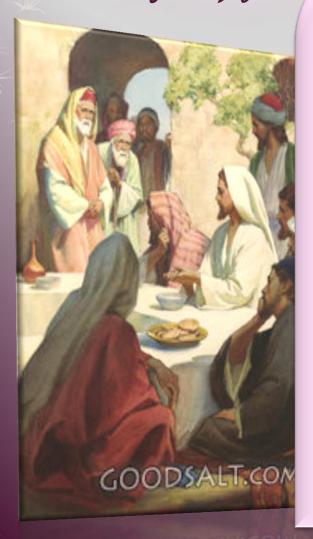


Lessons requiring faith



- **♦** Love your enemies 6:27-36
- **♦** Build on the rock 6:46-49
- **♦** The sower 8:4-18
- ♦ Wind and waves obey 8:22-25
- **♦** Take up your cross 9:23-26
- **◆** Cost of discipleship 9:57-62; 14:25-33
- **♦** Confessing Christ 12:8,9
- **♦** Don't worry − 12:22-34
- **♦** The narrow gate 13:24
- **→** Humility required 14:11
- **♦** Importance of little things 16:10
- **→** Marriage, divorce & remarriage 16:18

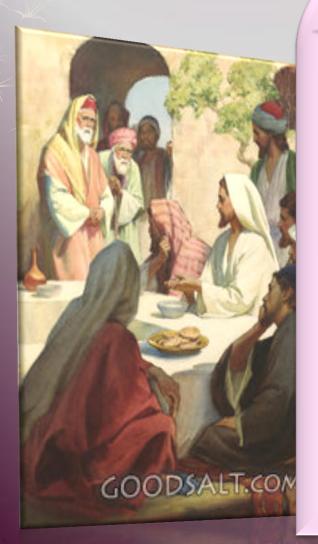
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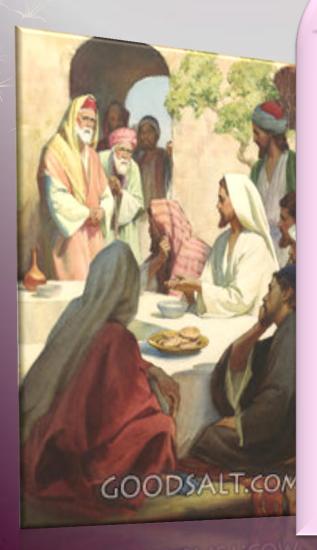
- **♦** The certainty of offenses 17:1,2
- ◆ Forgive the one seeking forgiveness
 even if he sins against you over
 and over and repents "you shall
 forgive him!" 17:3,4

Luke 17:5 (NKJV)

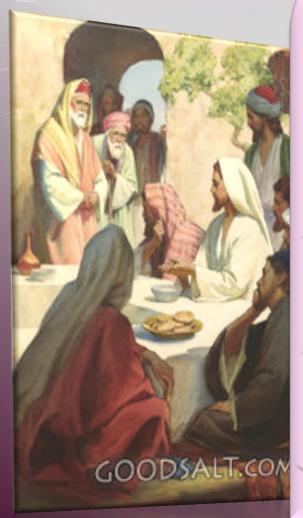
⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."



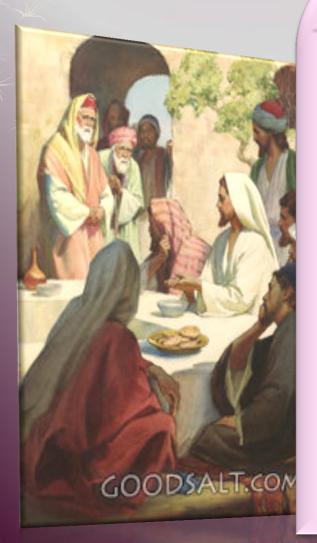
- → Must turn to the right source vs. 5
 - Not men, (Mat 15:7-9), or feelings,(Prov. 14:12)
 - The Lord speaks to us through his revelation (Eph. 3:3-5).
 - * Faith comes from the word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 17:11,12).
 - Everything we need to be mature in Christ is found in the scripture (2 Tim 3:15-17)



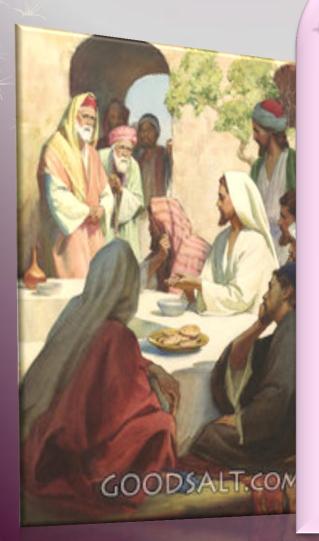
- ◆ Recognize our own weakness and deficiency (v. 5)
 - They didn't think "We don't think the Pharisees could be that forgiving." (Luke 18:9-14)
 - Rather, they took a close look at themselves "Increase our faith" -
 - Honesty and sincerity require that we examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5).



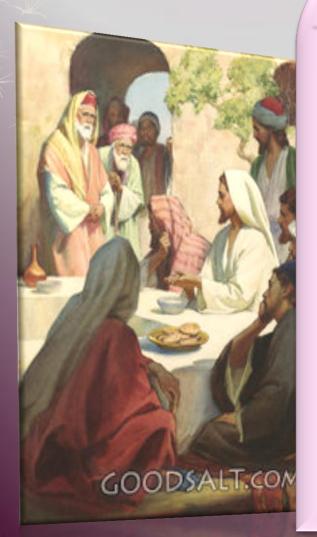
- **★**Realize Faith's Power (6)
- * Faith as a mustard seed -"The mustard seed was the smallest of all Seeds. It has been supposed by some, therefore, that he meant to say, if ye have the smallest or feeblest faith that is genuine, ye can do all things. The mustard seed produced the largest of all herbs... therefore, to mean, If you have increasing, expanding, enlarged faith, growing and strengthening from small beginnings, you can perform the most difficult undertaking."— Barnes' Notes



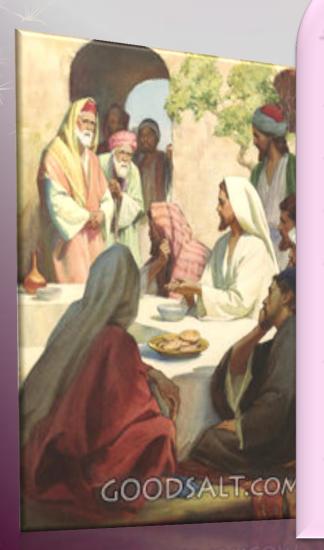
- **★** Realize Faith's Power (6)
 - Faith as a mustard seed –
 - ❖ A strong faith will defend against every temptation – (Eph 6:16)
 - A strong faith can overcome any life problem (Mat 17:20; 2 Cor 4:16-18; 1 Pet 5:8,9; 1 John 5:4,5)
 - A strong faith will bear fruit unto the glory of God – (Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-8; Col. 1:9-11; Phili 4:13)



- ◆Use what faith you have and it will grow (v. 6)
 - The emphasis here is not on how much faith or how large one's faith is, but on using what he has.
 - As with a muscle of the body, when faith is exercised it will grow and increase (cf. Gal. 5:6; Heb. 5:11-13; James 2:22-25; 1 Thes 1:3-10).



- **◆** Just continually do what the Lord commands (vv. 7-10)
 - A servant simply does what he is commanded without question and doubt, - he has learned humility -
 - Likewise, if we willingly, and enthusiastically do what we are commanded, being humble enough to allow God to direct our steps, our faith will grow (e.g. Abraham, Rom. 4:1-4,9-24)



If Faith Doesn't Increase?

- **◆I Am NOT Growing -** (2 Pet 3:17,18)
- ◆ Faith Is Decreased (Heb. 5:11-14)
- ◆Weakens hope (Heb 11:1)
- ◆I Will Become Unfruitful (Mat. 13:18-23)
- ◆I Will Become Unprofitable (Mat. 25:14-30)
- **♦ I Will Not Enter The Promise Land –** (Heb. 3:12-19)





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