

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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Disciples of Jesus are a New Family Empowered to Follow His Kingdom Ways  
Luke 17:1-10

## Reminder: It's Impossible to Follow Jesus Unless He Has Your Complete Allegiance

**Luke 14:33** *So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.*

## Disciples Are Warned Against Leading One Another Into Deathtraps

**Luke 17:1** *And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!"<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3a</sup> **Pay attention** to yourselves!*

## Disciples Are Ordered to Practice Life-Giving Candor and Radical Forgiveness Toward One Another

**Luke 17:3b** *If **your brother** sins, **rebuke** him, and if he repents, **forgive** him,<sup>4</sup> and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

**John 13:34** *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

### Forgiveness Basics

- 1. The primary jurisdiction for addressing sin is in the context of your local church.**  
*1 Corinthians 5:12* *For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?<sup>13</sup> God judges those outside...*
- 2. Noticing another's sin should first initiate a personal evaluation and repentance.**  
*Luke 6:42* *How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.*
- 3. Rebuke's motivation is pity, its mode is humble gentleness & its goal is freedom & restoration.**  
*Galatians 6:1* *Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*
- 4. Forgiveness can't be given without repentance, but hope is love's waiting posture.**  
*1 Corinthians 13:7* *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

**5. Another's lack of repentance doesn't hinder my service to the Lord.**

**Hebrews 12:15** *See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;*

**6. The Father expects us to show the same total forgiveness to others that he shows to us.**

**Matthew 6:15** *but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

**Jesus's Command For Kingdom Living Are "Doable" By His Disciples Who Trust His Kingly Authority**

**Luke 17:5** *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 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.*

**Obedying Jesus is the Everyday Norm For His Disciples While We Enjoy the Blessings of the Kingdom**

**Luke 17:7** *"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'? 8 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'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 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 6:46** *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.*

**Reflect, Discuss, Apply**

1. Has a Christian sister or brother ever pointed out a sinful attitude or action to you? How did you respond? What happened as a result of that response?
2. Name 1 or more Christian sisters or brothers currently able to correct you and receive correction from you.
3. Do you have more trouble obeying the command to "rebuke" or to "forgive"? Ask the Lord to show you what prevents you and share what you learn with a trusted sister or brother in Christ.
4. Imagine how it would be to live in a community that consistently acts according to the pattern in the "Forgiveness Basics" box. Which of the six "basics" caught your attention? Why?
5. Focusing on our recent study of Jesus's teachings on generosity and forgiveness, do these seem impossible to you? Recall the criteria to be Jesus's disciple (Luke 14:26, 27, 33). How does this total loyalty to Jesus's way of life free us from bondage to "stuff", fear of man, resentment, and entitlement?

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