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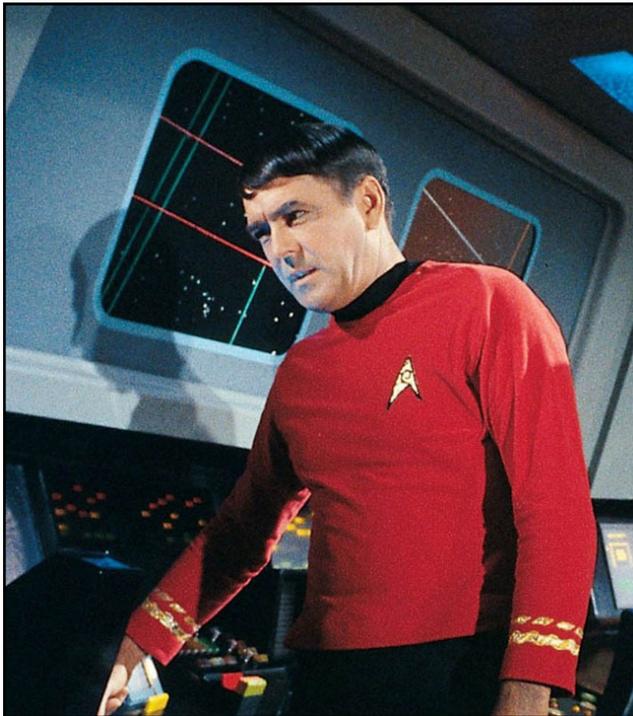
THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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Who is this guy?

- A What request did he receive most often from Captain Kirk?
- A What was his customary response?

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FAITH

THE COMMON THREAD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 17:1-10

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Common Thread

Luke 17:1-10

¹ He said to his disciples, "Offenses will certainly come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ Be on your guard. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

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

⁶ "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," the Lord said, "you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

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Common Thread

Luke 17:1-10

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⁸ Instead, will he not tell him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, get ready, and serve me while I eat and drink; later you can eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank that servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ In the same way, when you have done all that you were commanded, you should say, 'We are worthless servants; we've only done our duty.'"

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FAITH NEVER TEMPTS

Luke 17:1-3a

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Jesus turns from wealth in Luke 16 to teach His disciples about four (4) characteristics of discipleship.

What is the subject of His first teaching?

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Skandala (Greek)
Temptations to Sin

Skandalise (Greek)
Cause to Stumble

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Mikrōn (Greek)
Least, Less, Little, Small

Matthew adds; little ones
"who believe in me"

More likely alluding to new
disciples than children.

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Jesus tells His disciples that a harsh death would be a "better deal" than what this one will get from God.

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Prosechete (Greek)
Present imperative, speaks
of a constant watch.

"Pay Attention" lest you
cause someone to stumble.

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FAITH ALWAYS FORGIVES

Luke 17:1-2

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Jesus now turns His focus to relationships within the Church.

He gives His disciples a command and a requirement.

1. Rebuke the sin
2. Forgive the sinner

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How often must we forgive?

What happens if it happens over and over again?

But what if they're insincere, what if they're not really sorry?

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FAITH EMPOWERS OBEDIENCE

Luke 17:5-6

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Jesus said to forgive your sinning brother "seventy times seven."

How did His the apostles respond?

Lord, we need more power!

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CONTEXT IS KING!

This verses is taken out of context far too often.

Jesus says, the presence of faith is more crucial than its quantity!

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the Lord said, "you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)

Faith is not a matter of quantity
but presence.

Faith is like a muscle, it grows the
more we exercise it!

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FAITH INSPIRES SERVICE

Luke 17:7-10

Jesus expects faith
to fuel action by
His disciples.

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TRUTHS ABOUT FAITH

- **Faith Never Tempts**
- **Faith Always Forgives**
- **Faith Empowers Obedience**
- **Faith Inspires Service**

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- When it comes to faith, the issue is not quantity. Faith is binary; it's either true or false.
- The need is not to have more faith, but genuine faith, to rely truly on God.
- The life of a mature believer is marked by an active faith that results in forgiveness, humility and service.
- **Faith is a muscle, exercise it well this week!**

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