

LUKE'S GOSPEL

INVESTIGATING THE MAN WHO IS GOD



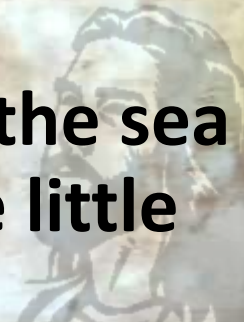
RESOLUTE

**Pay Attention to
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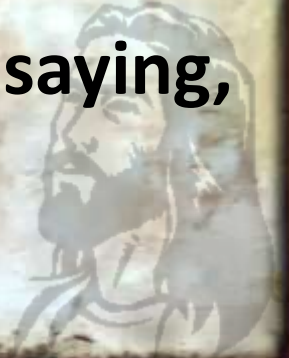
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**Sin: Straying from God's plans,
desires, directives**

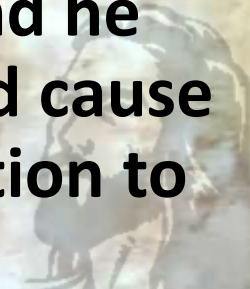


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- 2. Rebuke: to lovingly and prayerfully bring into correction**



Luke 17:3b (ESV)

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- 3. Repent: Confess, seek forgiveness, heart change**



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- 4. Forgive: Choosing not to hold someone's sin or mistake against them**



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Forgiveness:

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Mark 11:25 (ESV)

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against ANYONE, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”



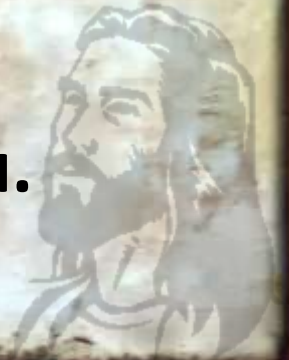
Luke 11:4 (ESV)

“and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves
forgive EVERYONE who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”



Ephesians 4:31-32^(ESV)

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving ONE ANOTHER, as God in Christ forgave you.



Forgiveness:

- a. Is not dependent on an apology
- b. Does not equal reconciliation
- c. Does not equal forgetting
- d. Is not a feeling



Forgiveness:

- e. Is not always a one-time event
- f. Does not mean you are a doormat
- g. Is not denying or condoning the sin
- h. Is not denying the pain of the sin



Forgiveness:

- i. Choosing not to forgive does not increase your protection
- j. Choosing not to forgive does not mean the other person is being punished



Luke 17:5-6 (ESV)

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.”



First Objection:

“It’s too hard! I can’t do it!”



Deep Roots:

- a. Old habits (source of temptation)
- b. Fear of confrontation (rebuke)
- c. Pride (repent)
- d. Misunderstandings about forgiveness



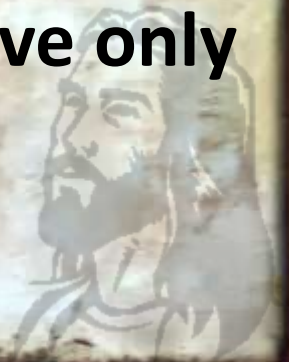
Luke 17:7-10 (ESV)

“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’?”



Luke 17:7-10 (ESV)

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.’”



Second Objection:

“I don’t want/need to. I’m good enough already. Don’t tell me what to do. I run my life.”



**Jesus is the master.
Jesus is the servant.**

