

Faithful Guides

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Luke 17:1-10

At an elementary school party, we played a game where we had to guide a blindfolded person through a crowded room with only our voices: "Stop," "Turn left," "Take two steps forward," and so on. It required careful communication on the part of the person giving the clues, matched with alertness and obedience by the one being directed. Of course, every bump and stumble elicited laughter from class members. Sometimes, they even provided misdirection, confusing the poor participant. Successful completion required a clear focus, ignoring the constant distractions.

Welcome to life! "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come," Jesus affirmed (v. 1). However, He cautioned His followers not to be the cause of "one of these little ones to stumble" (v. 2). He gave specific examples of these stumbling blocks: unforgiveness, lack of faith, and pride. All can become barriers to spiritual growth, leading to discouragement—even failure.

May our words, actions, and example faithfully direct others in the way.

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