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FOUR STEPS TOWARD GODliness

Luke 17:1-10

**Step One:** Be a Positive Influence on Others (1-3)

- A. Things will come that cause people to sin.
- B. Don't be one of those things.

**Step Two:** Be willing to quickly forgive those who sin against you. (3-4)

- A. We must forgive when someone expresses repentance...
- B. What forgiveness looks like:
  - 1. I will no longer dwell on this incident.
  - 2. I will not bring up this incident again or use it against you in the future.
  - 3. I will not talk with others about this incident.
  - 4. I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.
- C. *We may become one of 'those things that cause another to sin' if we do not forgive.*

**Step Three:** Be aware of the power of faith (5-6)

- A. Faith's power is not proportional to the amount of faith.
- B. Faith's power is rooted in the object of your faith.
- C. Faith gives us the power (and ability) to forgive.

**Step Four:** Be willing to faithfully serve with humility (7-10)

- A. Actually, no one deserves God's grace or blessing.
- B. Yet, He still invites us to the wedding supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9)

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P: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

**C: And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

P: <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.**

P: <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

**C: <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:1-8)**

\*Hymn No. 277 *The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 17:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.

<sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup> Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat

and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

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\*Hymn No. 345 *Blessed Assurance*

verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus: (see above)

verse 3

Perfect submission—all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

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Hymn No. 556 *Now Thank We All Our God* verse 2

O may this bounteous God thru all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

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All praise and thanks to God the father now be given,  
the Son and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven—  
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore—  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

\*Postlude