

Scripture: Luke 17:1-10.

Theme: Increase our Faith.

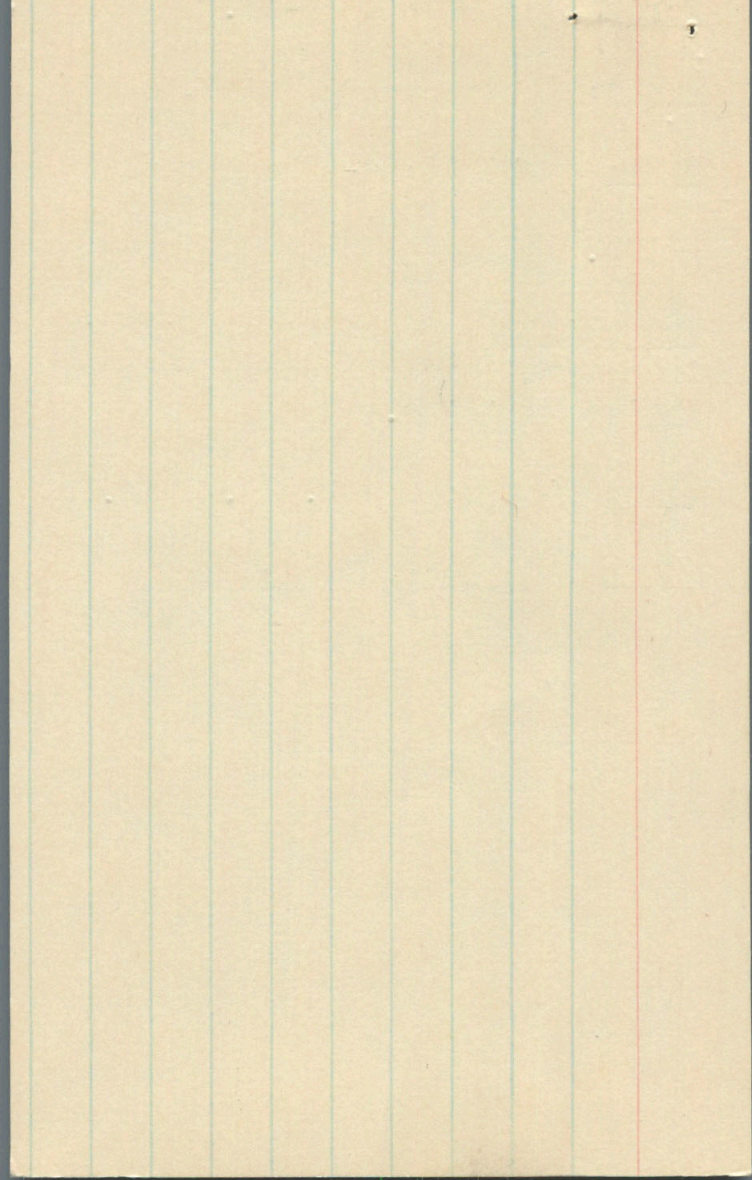
Text: Luke 17:5--"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our Faith."

Proposition: Christian faith is increased (strengthened) through active humility.

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Introduction:

1. Scrip. seems 7 or 8 different thoughts in succession:

a. Temptations are sure to come.

b. Woe to him by whom they come.

c. Rebuke the sinner

d. Forgive the penitent sinner, innumerably.

e. Increase of faith is needed and the need felt.

f. The power of faith.

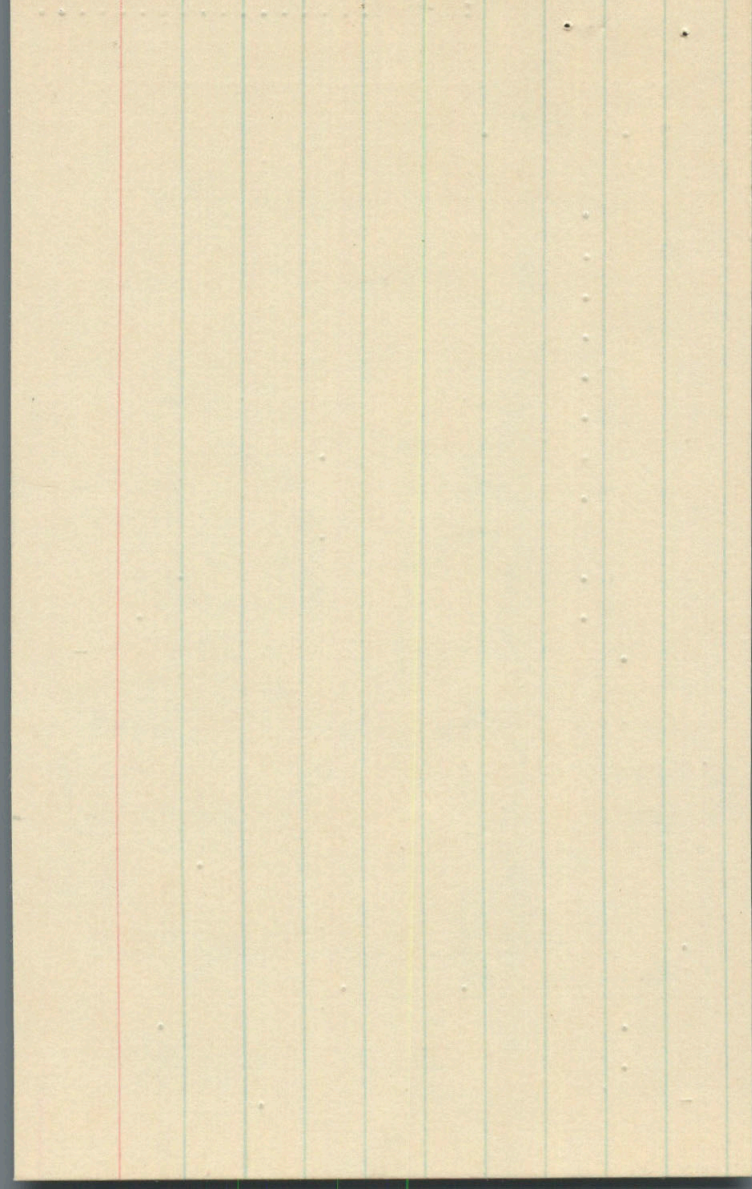
g. The duty of servants.

2. Just as valid an interpretation to suppose that all these seemingly diverse and unrelated ideas are integral parts of one message which can be known by careful study of this passage.

I. The danger of being unworthy disciples (v. 1-4).

1. Temptations will come.

2. Woe to him by whom they come
--don't be one of them.



3. Don't by your severity be one through whom they come, but be forgiving when the sinner is penitent. Otherwise you are an unworthy disciple.

II. Realization of need for deeper faith(v.5).

1. Can't be so forgiving without greater faith, especially if repeated sin is against us or a principle which means much to us.

2. Jesus points out the strength of faith in a parable, knowing people need to be reminded frequently and strongly of this.

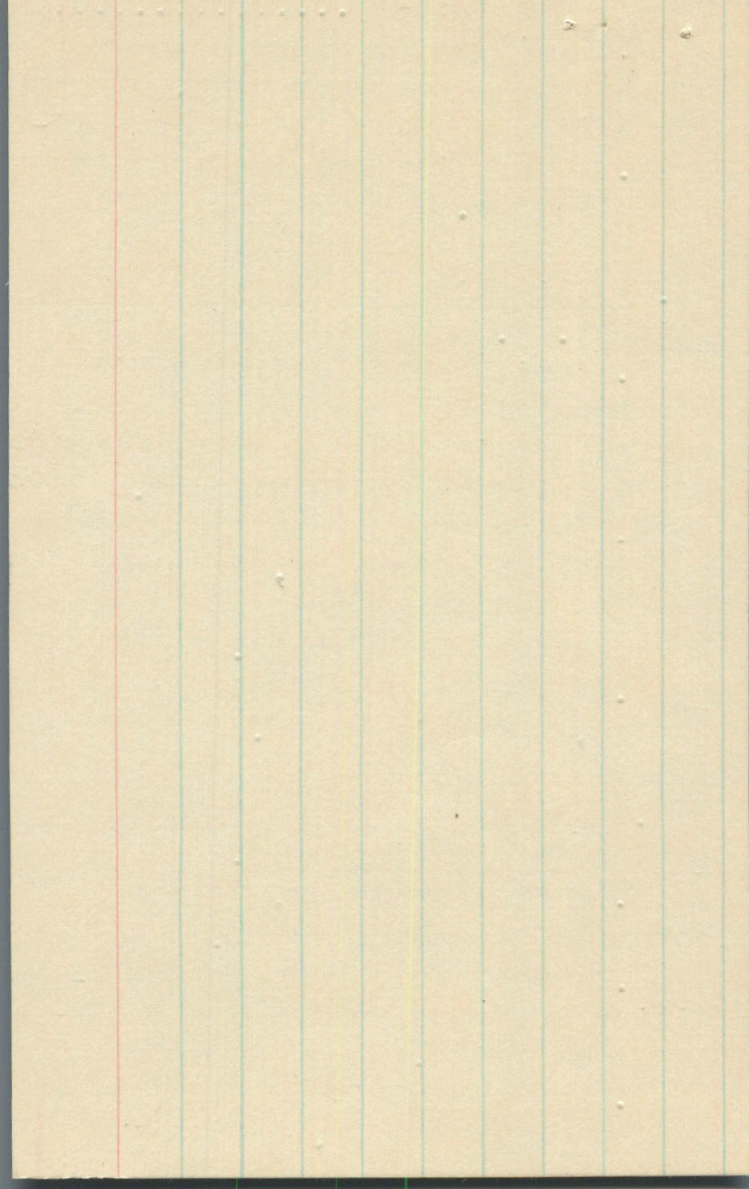
3. If increase of faith is really wanted, there is a way.

III. The way to increase faith and become better disciples.

1. Even when weary, do the commanded tasks of faith.

2. Expect no thanks or recognition for thus actively exercising ones faith.

3. Feel determined to do all of Christian duty well, humble in



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success of failure, but always
trying.

Conclusion:

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