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Text: Luke 17:1-10

A true born again believer will always pray to God. Most of the time, the content of our prayer is for the physical life, e.g. healing from sickness, safety for our family members, etc. However, in this passage, the disciples were more concerned for the spiritual instead of the external. They prayed that the Lord will increase their faith. This should also be our daily cry unto God.

1. **The Weakness of our Faith (v1-4)** The Lord Jesus told the disciples that they had to make sure their lives were not a stumbling block to anyone. One can be a stumbling block when he prevents unbelievers from knowing Christ, and believers from serving God. The severity of this is that it is better to die than to stumble the young ones. Our example is more important than our words. Jesus also told the disciples that if anyone offends them, they ought to have a big heart to forgive. Christians can forgive because Christ had already forgiven us of all our sins.
2. **The Response when we see our Weakness (v5-6)** The disciples recognised their failure and that it was impossible for them to live such a perfect life. They then prayed that the Lord will increase their faith. They wanted a stronger faith to obey God's Word and live it out. The Lord answered their prayer by telling them that their faith will grow and they will be able to do the impossible when they seek Him.
3. **The True Representation of a strong Faith (v7-10)** Jesus used an illustration of a servant's daily chore of ploughing for food, preparing dinner and receiving no thanks for it. A person who has strong faith is one who serves as an unprofitable servant because he does everything for the Lord humbly.