

Causing Others to Lose Faith

1 Jesus told his disciples, "Situations that cause people to lose their faith are certain to arise. But how horrible it will be for the person who causes someone to lose his faith! **2** It would be best for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large stone hung around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to lose his faith. **3** So watch yourselves!

"If a believer sins, correct him. If he changes the way he thinks and acts, forgive him. **4** Even if he wrongs you seven times in one day and comes back to you seven times and says that he is sorry, forgive him."

The Apostles Ask for More Faith

5 Then the apostles said to the Lord, "Give us more faith."

6 The Lord said, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots, and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you.

7 "Suppose someone has a servant who is plowing fields or watching sheep. Does he tell his servant when he comes from the field, 'Have something to eat'? **8** No. Instead, he tells his servant, 'Get dinner ready for me! After you serve me my dinner, you can eat yours.' **9** He doesn't thank the servant for following orders. **10** That's the way it is with you. When you've done everything you're ordered to do, say, 'We're worthless servants. We've only done our duty.' "