***Encounters with Jesus***

**An Encounter with Jesus about Faith**

Luke 17:1-10

**Luke 17:1 (ESV)**And He said to His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

**Luke 17:2 (ESV)**It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.

**Luke 17:3 (ESV)**Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,

**Luke 17:4 (ESV)**and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

**Luke 17:5 (ESV)**The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

**Luke 17:6 (ESV)**And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

**Luke 17:7 (ESV)**“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’?

**Luke 17:8 (ESV)**Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’?

**Luke 17:9 (ESV)**Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?

**Luke 17:10 (ESV)**So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ”

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**Isaiah 43:25 (ESV)**“I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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**Matthew 21:21 (ESV)**And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.

1. **Jesus can increase your faith to serve in God’s kingdom.**

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