

From stumbling blocks to stepping stones

<p>¹Jesus said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling blocks will come, but woe to the one through whom they come!</p> <p>²It would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.</p> <p>Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.</p> <p>⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to say, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 17:1-4</p>	<p>..... the stones. Luke 17:1</p> <p>Stepping stones are for, v1a "Replace the desires of the flesh..." 1 Pet.2:11</p> <p>Stepping stones are, v1a "Consider it pure joy..." James 1:2-4</p> <p>Stepping stones are an</p> <p>Make SMART choices</p> <p>"I have overcome the world" John 16:33</p> <p>"Grow in the grace and..." 2 Peter 3:18</p> <p>..... of stumbling. Luke 17:1-2</p> <p>Causing stumbling is, v1b "Get behind me, Satan" Mark 8:31-33 "A gentle answer..." Proverbs 15:1 "building up... giving grace" Ephesians 4:29</p> <p>Causing stumbling has, v2 "If we endure..." 2 Timothy 2:12</p> <p>..... for stumblers. Luke 17:3-4</p> <p>"so you will not sin, but..." 1 John 2:1</p> <p>..... yourself, v3a "Take heed... Take heed..." Deuteronomy 4:9, 23 "Be diligent... be absorbed..." 1 Timothy 4:15-16</p> <p>..... your brother/sister, v3 "admonish one another" Colossians 3:16 "How can you see the speck..." Luke 6:41</p> <p>..... your brother/sister, v4 "How many times..." Matthew 18:21-22</p> <p>Meet her/him half-way "If you forgive..." Matthew 6:14-15</p>
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My prayer priorities for this week

- S 22 Mary P
- M 23 Peter & Elly
- T 24 Taina M. May T.
- W 25 Phil & Louise. Mark & Lisa, Thomas
- T 26 Aileen & George
- F 27 Ray & Helen
- S 28 Geoff & Joy
- S 29 Steve & Jenny

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. In what ways are stumbling blocks and stepping stones different?
2. Think about yourself. Make a short list of some of your internal stumbling blocks. What are some of your external ones?
3. Read James 1:2-4, then suggest some reasons why Jesus would allow His own people (us) to have to cope with stumbling blocks.
4. Look at how Luke 17:1 ends. How is it possible for me to cause someone else to stumble? Isn't stumbling their responsibility?
5. Why are the first words of Luke 17:3 the starting point for turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones? How do I actually do this?
6. We are to rebuke our brother/sister. How does Colossians 3:16 help us to do that well?

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