

Passage Outline:

Vs. 1-4

Jesus again speaks to His disciples:

- **Relating to other disciples**
 - **Do not cause another to stumble**
 - **If another sins**

Vs. 5-6

- **Disciples' response**
 - **"Increase our faith!"**
 - **Little faith required**

Vs. 7-10

- **Parable of "duty" (obedience)**
 - **Just do ...**

Key words/ thoughts:

block (σκάνδαλον); **mill stone** (λίθος μυλικός); **throw** (ρίπτω); **sin** (ἁμαρτάνω); **repent** (μετανοέω); **turn** (ἐπιστρέφω); **apostles** (ἀπόστολος); **add** (προστίθημι); **faith** (πίστις); **obey** (ὑπακούω); **favor** (χάρις); **unworthy** (ἀχρεῖος)

Questions:

How did Jesus view causing another believer to stumble? Should another believer sin, what did He command? Should a believer sin against you, followed by repentance, what should you do?

What is the relationship between the apostles asking for "faith" and Jesus' parable regarding "worthless slaves"?

What would a believing community be like if these verses were routine to their life together?