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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21)™

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Habakkuk 1: 2 – 3, 2: 2 – 4

2 Timothy 1: 6 – 8, 13 – 14

Luke 17: 5 – 10

The theme of the Gospel of Luke 17: 5 – 10 is as present as it was from the earliest people lamenting to God (and now Jesus in this story), to “increase our faith” (v. 5). The apostles were the first ones to spread the Good News and needed faith. Now it is our turn. We must learn to walk by faith so that we can increase our faith as authentic witnesses to others. This has never been an easy task.

LOVE is needed to help our faith grow so we can continue to spread the Good News.

When asked by a scribe what was the greatest of the commandments Jesus replied: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets as well” (Mt 22: 36-40).

With striking insight, Jesus summarized the 1st commandment by elevating love for neighbor – which includes our family first and foremost – to a place right beside love for god. The two are not the same...but they cannot be separated either. So increase your faith and someone else’s by being like Jesus... and spread love.

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