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Sermon: Thou shall not make them to sin Text: Matthew 18 vs. 1-9

Jesus must be honour must be honour I love the man of Galilee

In our passage, we saw one strange thing in verse 6, and it says if anyone causes one of this little one to sin------ what this means is that as believers God has given us the responsibilities to look after the little ones among
us and if we fail or make them to stumble the consequences are in the b part (6b)

Who are these little ones that Jesus was talking about?

- They are the newly converted
- They are those who have little or no knowledge about the scripture
- They are those who confides in you
- Those who are looking up to you
- Those with shaky faith
- Those that are heavily laden

What did Jesus meant by making them to stumble?

- To make them to backslide
- Betray them
- Make them to weep
- Make them lose trust in God
- Make them to be rebellious in the church (forming alliance or caucus)

What are your roles as believers?

- Look after the little ones among us (john 21 vs. 15-17
- Care for them
- Listen to their complains and share in their sorrows
- Show them love and the way to follow
- Correct them with love Matthew 18 vs. 15-16

What must we do today, God wants us to go to the lost sheep in the house of Israel (Matthew 10 vs. 5) maybe you are here and deep down you know that your heart is not right with your next door neighbour, I beg you in Jesus name to forgive and bring their offense to them with love, for if you do not forgive the bible says your father in heaven (Matthew 6 vs. 14)

Altar call:

PRAYER:

- Anything in my life that is making me to lose soul die in Jesus name
- Spirit of selfish ambition in my life die in Jesus name
- Father Lord empower me to feed the sheep under my care in Jesus name