Footprints of Faith

Testimony and Perseverance Through Temptation

Lesson Eight: When Someone Stumbles

Facilitator Guide

Purpose: Connect repentance with truthful acknowledgment, changed conduct, and appropriate responsibility to others.

Readings: Luke 22:31–34, 54–62; John 21:15–19; 1 John 1:5–10; Proverbs 28:13; Luke 19:1–10; Galatians 6:1–2.

Opening question: What does returning after a wrong turn require beyond regret?

Conducting the lesson

1. Read Peter's failure and return. Distinguish his stated confidence from his actual denials. Examine the renewed commission without minimizing the failure.

2. Join confession with change. Read First John and Proverbs. Discuss accurate acknowledgment and forsaking rather than managing appearances.

3. Consider responsibility and repair. Read Zacchaeus' response. Ask what practical responsibility may remain and why forgiveness does not erase every consequence.

4. Support humble restoration. Read Galatians. Use the broken-promise illustration to discuss patient help and slowly rebuilt trust.

Discussion

1. Why should testimony not replace apology or repair?

2. How can forgiveness coexist with consequences?

3. What does restoration in meekness require of helpers?

Application: Invite private reflection on recognition, responsibility, and changed conduct. No public confession or detailed disclosure is required.

Close: A footprint of return combines hope and accountability. Select only appropriate material for later sharing.

Facilitator reminder: Do not demand immediate trust, reconciliation, or return to leadership. Protect the privacy and choices of people harmed.