

Rebuilding Those Whom Have Been Corrected

I. Introduction:

- A. The children of Israel had exhausted God's patience (**Jeremiah 15:1-6**).
 - 1. Considering the Lord's nature (**Psalms 145:8**), that tells you they were extremely difficult to deal with (**II Chronicles 36:14-16**).
 - 2. He punished them (**Lamentations 2:1-2; 2:17**).
 - 3. Yet, His goal was to rebuild them (**Jeremiah 31:28**).
- B. God's desire is that all be saved (**Isaiah 45:22** and **I Timothy 2:4**).
 - 1. Corrective measures are meant to restore the lost (**Revelation 3:19**).
 - 2. This is even true with those whom are unruly (**Titus 1:10-14**).

II. Body: The Process Of Repentance Includes Getting Up From The Fall (**Hebrews 12:1-13**).

- A. Consider some things from the process recorded in **Galatians 6:1-5**...
 - 1. A saint gets overtaken by an unexpected temptation that leads them astray (i.e. being led astray by convincing false teachers; **II Peter 2:18-19**).
 - 2. The spiritually minded saints, in a position to correct (**Luke 6:37-42**), need to step up (**James 5:19-20**).
 - 3. It may be a hard public rebuke if fitting (**I Timothy 5:20**).
 - 4. It may be you have to go to God on their behalf (**Psalms 106:23** and **James 5:16**).
 - 5. The spiritual bearing the burdens (**Romans 15:1-3**).
 - 6. The goal is to help this person up, help them walk on their own. For, we all will be individually accountable for our actions (**John 5:28-29**).
- B. Strengthen thy brethren (**Luke 22:31-32**).
 - 1. Brethren being supportive of one another (**I Thessalonians 5:11-14**).
 - 2. If one falls, the purpose of another is to help that fallen get back up (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**).
- C. Don't keep your foot on that saint that is trying to get up (**Proverbs 29:1**).
 - 1. Once a person properly deals with his or her sin, mercy is given to he or she by the Lord (**Proverbs 28:13**).
 - 2. When a saint sins against another, once the process of repentance begins, you're not to keep rebuking them (**Luke 17:1-4**).
 - 3. The fallen, who desire to repent and get up, need the help of the faithful (**II Corinthians 1:23-2:11**)!

III. Conclusion: Let's always be mindful of the need to build up each other, whether fallen or not (**Ephesians 4:16**).