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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Helping after Mistakes are Made

1 Samuel 12

- I. Evaluate yourself: Before helping others, we must look at ourselves and be willing to make things right (1 Samuel 12:1-5).
- II. Remind them of God's past faithfulness: God did not destroy us in spite of past failures (1 Samuel 12:6-11).
  - A. God's Righteousness: God is not the cause of our mistakes; He blesses us in many ways (12:6-8).
  - B. God's Grace: Even though we fail, God still responds in grace when we repent (12:9-11).
- III. Warn them about their present situation: God can still bless, but only if we stop rebelling (1 Samuel 12:12-18).
  - A. We must understand how sin brings God's opposition if we keep rebelling (12-15).
  - B. God has power to back up His warnings (16-18).
- IV. Assure and comfort them: God longs to be gracious to his people (1 Samuel 12:19-25).
  - A. We need not fear the future after failures if we return to wholeheartedly serving God (12:20-21).
  - B. God is shows grace to His people because His glory is at stake (12:22).
  - C. Failing to pray and offer help is sin (12:23).
  - D. Remembering God's grace brings true change; but persistent sin brings judgment (12:24-25).

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