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Editor's note: The following story by an unknown author was submitted by Martha & Ken Mungar, friends of Melodie and Steve. Thanks are extended to Martha and Ken and to Melodie and Steve for spreading hope by sharing these letters with others.

### **HANDLE MISTAKES WITH LOVE**

A brother forgot to put his phone on silent, and it rang so loud in the Church during preaching.

The Pastor scolded him.

The worshippers admonished him after the sermon for interrupting.

His wife kept lecturing on his carelessness all the way home.

His departmental colleague workers shook their heads in disgust

You could see the shame, embarrassment, and humiliation on his face.

He never stepped foot in the Church again after the service that Sunday.

Later that evening, he went to a bar. He was still nervous and trembling.

He spilled his drink on the table, the bottle fell by accident and it splashed on some people.

Those it touched rushed towards him. He closed his eyes expecting a bashing of words or slaps.

Instead, they cared to know if he did get a cut from the broken bottle.

The waiter apologized and gave him a napkin to clean himself.

The janitor mopped the floor.

The female manager offered him a complimentary drink. She also gave him a huge hug and a peck while saying, "Don't worry man. Who doesn't make mistakes?"

He has not stopped going to that bar since then.

### **LESSON- Sometimes our attitude as believers drives souls to Hell.**

We can make a difference by how we treat people, especially when they make mistakes.

- IF you cannot be a bridge to connect people, then do not be a wall to separate them.
- IF you cannot be a light to brighten people's good deeds then do not be darkness covering their efforts.
- IF you cannot be water to help people's crops sprout, then do not be a pest destroying their crops.
- IF you cannot be a vaccine to give life, do not be a virus to terminate it.
- IF you cannot be a pencil to write anyone's happiness, then try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness.

We can always be each other's keeper, let us resolve to heal the world and make it a better place. Yes, we can. It is easier to lose soul than to win souls.

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*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

