

## Church Discipline Jesus' Way

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### Biblical Phases of Responding to Sin in the Church

1. **Encouragement** - *preventive, positive, affirming, gentle reinforcement*

*Hebrews 3:13*

*"But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."*

2. **Personal and Confidential Confrontation** - *member-to-member, relationship-based*

*Galatians 6:1*

*"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."*

3. **Intervention by Church Authority** - *issues of sin affecting the community*

*Matthew 18:17*

*"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."*

### How Did Jesus Confront?

#### John 15:9

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: **CONTINUE YE IN MY LOVE.**"

#### John 15:12

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, **AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.**"

#### Hebrews 1:1-3

1 GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 **WHO BEING THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY, AND THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON,** and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**ALL SCRIPTURE MUST BE INTERPRETED AND UNDERSTAND BY THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS' LIFE AND MINISTRY.**

**IF OUR INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE DOES NOT MATCH HIS EXAMPLE, THEN OUR INTERPRETATION IS WRONG.**

**Three times in the Gospels Jesus rebuked His disciples:**

1. **Peter** (Mark 8:33) *"Get thee behind me, Satan..."*
2. **James and John** (Luke 9:55) *"Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of..."*
3. **After His Resurrection** (Mark 16:14) *"...upbraided them with their unbelief..."*

**Numerous times Jesus rebuked:**

1. **demons**
2. **storms**
3. **Pharisees** (*Jesus rebuked the doctrine and practices, but never called out individuals such as the high priests Annas and Caiaphas.*)

#### **Galatians 6:1–4**

- 1 **Brethren, if a man be OVERTAKEN (caught) in a FAULT (transgression), ye which are SPIRITUAL, RESTORE (get ready, equip, mend, put back into place) such an one in the spirit of MEEKNESS (gentleness, mildness of disposition); considering thyself, LEST THOU ALSO BE TEMPTED.**
- 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
- 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
- 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

**When we see a brother overtaken in a fault, the TEMPTATION is to JUDGE:**

#### **Matthew 7:1–2**

- 1 **JUDGE (krino - to decide, conclude, condemn, determine, pass judgment) NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED.**
- 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

1. **feed our spiritual pride and superiority**

#### **Luke 18:11**

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, **GOD, I THANK THEE, THAT I AM NOT AS OTHER MEN ARE, EXTORTIONERS, UNJUST, ADULTERERS, OR EVEN AS THIS PUBLICAN.**"

2. use the knowledge of their sin as leverage

**Matthew 22:15**

"Then went the Pharisees, and **TOOK COUNSEL HOW THEY MIGHT ENTANGLE HIM IN HIS TALK.**"

3. to condemn the brother as a failure

**1 Corinthians 13:5**

"Charity...**THINKETH** (*logizomai - keep mental record, charge to an account, compute*) **NO EVIL..**"

4. to gossip

**James 5:20**

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and **SHALL HIDE A MULTITUDE OF SINS.**"

## HOW DID JESUS CONFRONT?

1. EXPOSE WITH TRUTH
2. LET THE PERSON COME TO THEIR OWN DECISION OF FAITH AND CONVICTION

**Ephesians 5:8–13**

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 **AND HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM.**

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 **BUT ALL THINGS THAT ARE REPROVED ARE MADE MANIFEST BY THE LIGHT: FOR WHATSOEVER DOETH MAKE MANIFEST IS LIGHT.**

**1 John 1:7**

**"BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."**

**John 4:5–24**

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, **HOW IS IT THAT THOU, BEING A JEW, ASKEST DRINK OF ME, WHICH AM A WOMAN OF SAMARIA? FOR THE JEWS HAVE NO DEALINGS WITH THE SAMARITANS.**

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and **HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEE LIVING WATER.**

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 **BUT WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST; BUT THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL BE IN HIM A WELL OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE.**

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, **GO, CALL THY HUSBAND, AND COME HITHER.**

17 **THE WOMAN ANSWERED AND SAID, I HAVE NO HUSBAND. JESUS SAID UNTO HER, THOU HAST WELL SAID, I HAVE NO HUSBAND:**

18 **FOR THOU HAST HAD FIVE HUSBANDS; AND HE WHOM THOU NOW HAST IS NOT THY HUSBAND: IN THAT SAIDST THOU TRULY.**

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 **BUT THE HOUR COMETH, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH: FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM.**

24 **GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.**

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 **COME, SEE A MAN, WHICH TOLD ME ALL THINGS THAT EVER I DID: IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST?**

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.