

The Courage to Talk About It

What Does Love Do When a Brother Falls into Sin? Part 2

HOW TO love one another:

1. Love Jesus
2. Befriend the confused
3. Esteem one another
4. Edify one another
5. Forgive
6. Protect
7. Correct
8. Reconcile
9. Restore

Proverbs 27:5 Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed.

⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Love Protects.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

Love Corrects.

2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

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Matthew 5:23 "If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,
²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

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Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.
² Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Love Protects, Corrects, Reconciles and Restores.

Matthew 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,

³ and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ "Woe to the world because of *its* stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

⁸ "And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.

⁹ "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the fiery hell.

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.

¹¹ "*For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.*

¹² "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

¹³ "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

¹⁴ "Thus it is not *the* will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

¹⁵ "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

¹⁶ "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.

¹⁷ "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.

¹⁸ "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

²⁰ "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way *He took* the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.