Dealing With a Brother in Sin

Greg Kline · 1 Corinthians 5:1–8

INTRODUCTION

- Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, profuse are the kisses of an enemy.
- What makes me feel good right away doesn't always make me feel good for eternity.
- What do I do if my brother is in sin?

1 A Man Has His Father's Wife

1 Corinthians 5:1–5

- It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans. For a man has his father's wife.
- You are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh.
- So that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. See, this is the Christian's goal.

2 The High Price of Sin

Isaiah 59:1–2; Colossians 1:13–14

- Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
- The problem with committing sin is it traps me in spiritual death.
- He has transferred us from where? The domain of darkness and delivered us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

3 Go and Tell Him His Fault

Matthew 18:15–17

- If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.
- If he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.
- The risk of speaking to someone is high, isn't it?

4 To Be a Spiritual Family

Galatians 6:2

- If withdrawal is to be effective as discipline, what does that imply? That fellowship and spending time with the saints was crucially important.
- If we aren't truly a family, if we aren't truly caring for our brother, and we don't fully understand the high price of sin, when we go to withdrawal from a brother, there's going to be no damage felt.
- Or is it to know them? To love them. To be a spiritual family.

- This isn't even a matter of not knowing them, it's a matter of not taking the opportunity to get to know them.

5 Take Note of That Person

2 Thessalonians 3:6–15

- If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person and have nothing to do with him that he may be ashamed.
- It's not right or wrong because I said so, or the nation's democracy says so, but because Jesus said so.
- Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.
- The whole purpose of dealing with a brother in sin is out of your love for them.
- We must warn those who are on the path to hell. If not, what type of brother, what type of friend are we?

6 Withdrawal Is the Solution for Unrepented Sin

1 Corinthians 5:9–11; 1 John 1:9

- Not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother. If he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler, not even to eat with such a one.
- Withdrawal is the solution. But note what sin that is to be the solution for. The brother who is living in sin.
- If someone comes forward and they have sinned and they repent, we should not only not rebuke them, we should love them.
- What is the purpose of discipline? To save their soul.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How can we stand by and not say a word? Especially to our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

MY NOTES