When Things At Church Go Bad

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INTRODUCTION

- But much like a marriage, the best time to deal with problems is before they get really bad. And maybe even before there are problems.
- On every page that you opened in 1 Corinthians, you'd find a problem. One right after the other.
- Things were really bad in the church at Corinth. But I think there's two lessons, two takeaways for us in this epistle.

1 Churches Have Problems

Psalm 106:32–33; Ephesians 6:13

- As long as there are people in churches, they're going to be problems.
- Almost every church that we read about in the first century had problems.
- Churches have problems many times because of poor leadership.
- They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them, because they rebelled against his spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips.
- Please, don't let anyone separate you from your God.
- You do whatever you can to be able to withstand and to stand. Because churches are going to have problems.

2 Do All We Can to Maintain Unity and Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 6:7; 1 Corinthians 5

- Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same things, and there to be no division among you.
- That unity is our responsibility. That it's not something that's just going to happen.
- It is already an utter failure for you that you should go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourself be cheated?
- Unity is so important that we might need to suspend the normal rules of justice.
- God would allow the normal system of justice to be suspended so that we might be reconciled to God.
- This unity must be coupled with faithfulness.

THE CHALLENGE

Strive to build and maintain unity and faithfulness at all costs.

MY NOTES