







# INTO THE FRAY:

## First Corinthians



### GROUP OR FAMILY SESSION 3

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

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### CONTEXT:

In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus gave us instructions for church discipline, "If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. 17 If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."

### THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

Because the church of Corinth just let egregious sin go unaddressed, Paul called them out for their complicity and warned them about unrepentant hypocrisy's contagious effect.

## CONNECTING THIS SESSION TO THE SERMON

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## BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB)

**1 Corinthians 5:1** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated among the Gentiles—a man is sleeping with his father’s wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Shouldn’t you be filled with grief and remove from your congregation the one who did this? 3 Even though I am absent in the body, I am present in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who has been doing such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 hand that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

6 Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore, let us observe the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote to you in a letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. 10 I did not mean the immoral people of this world or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters; otherwise you would have to leave the world. 11 But actually, I wrote you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister and is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or verbally abusive, a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. 12 For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? Don’t you judge those who are inside? 13 God judges outsiders. Remove the evil person from among you.



## APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER:

- This semi-incestuous relationship was illegal even according to Roman law. What would a guest in the church say and how does such hypocrisy affect the church's witness today?
- Paul described their tolerance of an obviously illicit relationship as "arrogant." Describe a modern scenario of Christians arrogantly condoning what God has condemned.
- The first half of verse 5 sounds incredibly harsh until you read the second half. What was Paul's hope for this stepson and stepmother?
- In verses 6-8, Paul used leaven (yeast) to describe their hypocrisy as the tiniest quantum can affect the whole church. Describe the descent from "wokeness" to hypocrisy.
- Paul's scope expands from this example to other instances in which deliberate unrepentance should bring church discipline. What are the church discipline steps?
- Jesus made a popular statement in Matthew 7:1 that would seem contradictory to verses 12 and 13 until we read the rest of Jesus' words in Matthew 7:1-5. Do these passages conflict?





# THE TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT, CHURCH?

INSTEAD OF PRETENDING LIKE GOD IS OKAY WITH FLAGRANT UNREPENTANT SIN, WE WILL USE GOOD JUDGEMENT ON WHAT CORRUPTS THE CHURCH. THE CHURCH DISCIPLINE PROCESS BEGINS ONE-ON-ONE. THEN, IF THE PARTY STUCK IN SIN DOES NOT REPENT, WE BRING IN TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. THEN, IF HE OR SHE STILL DOES NOT REPENT, WE BRING HIM OR HER BEFORE THE LARGER BODY. IF THERE IS STILL NO REPENTANCE, WE CONSIDER THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT A BELIEVER AND START ALL OVER AGAIN WITH THE GOSPEL, ALLOWING HIM OR HER TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES WROUGHT BY ACQUIESCENCE TO SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS. IT IS ARROGANT OF US TO SPEAK CONDONINGLY ON GOD'S BEHALF WITH TACIT APPROVAL OF FLAGRANT AND UNREPENTANT SIN.

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Every one of us fails at some point, but we have a church family who loves us enough to bring us home when we drift into sin and stay. Making sure that we are not stuck in sin of our own, we lovingly confront our brothers and sisters in Christ one-on-one. Then, if needed, we bring in two or three others to invite the drifting Christian home. Then, if needed, we go before a larger group in what is sometimes called an "intervention." In Matthew 7, Jesus told us first repent from our own sin before confronting someone else on his or her sin.

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