

2 Corinthians



Power in Weakness

The Pain of Conflict

2 Corinthians 5:5-11

5If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. 6The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. 2 Corinthians 5:5-11

7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2 Corinthians 5:5-11

8I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. 9Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. 10Anyone you forgive, I also forgive.

2 Corinthians 5:5-11

And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, [11](#) in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Background

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife.

1 Corinthians 5:1

And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? 1 Corinthians 5:2

Ways to confront someone caught in sin?

1. Go privately to restore them –
Matthew 18:15

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. Matthew 18:15

2. Take someone else with you –

Matthew 18:16

But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. Matthew 18:16

19Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.20As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.

1 Timothy 5:19-20

21 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

1 Timothy 5:21

3. Tell it to the church –

Matthew 18:17

4. Treat them as an outsider –

Matthew 18:17

***If they still refuse to listen to you,
tell it to the church. And if they
refuse to listen even to the
church, treat them as you would a
pagan or tax collector.***

Matthew 18:17

some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. [20](#) Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:19-20

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2 Cor. 5:5-6

Lessons in dealing with sin

**Overlooking sin is not gracious,
it's dangerous**

**Dealing with sin should not be
punitive but restorative**

Living in open disregard of God's principles removes us from God's umbrella of blessings

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