



**Restoration is Always
the Goal When There
is Sin**

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Turn to Matthew 12:46-50

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46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. **48** But he replied to the man who told him, **“Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”** **49** And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, **“Here are my mother and my brothers!** **50** **For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”**



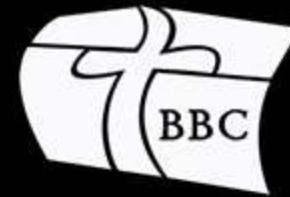
Galatians 6:10

- So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially **to those who are of the household of faith.**



Ephesians 2:19

- So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, **but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,**



John 1:12

- But as many as received him, to them gave he power [right] to become **the sons [children] of God, even** to them that believe on his name:

Brothers & Sisters



- **Those who have the same heavenly Father**
- **Those who have been designated as children of God**
- **Those who are adopted in the same family of God**
- **Those who are joint-heirs (fellow) with Jesus**
- **Those who have been given the right to become children of God**



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AV if a man be overtaken in a fault,

ESV if anyone is caught in any transgression,

NASB95 even if anyone is caught in any trespass,

NET if a person is discovered in some sin,

CJB suppose someone is caught doing something wrong.

HCSB if someone is caught in any wrongdoing,

NIV if someone is caught in a sin,



It seems like there
is a balance here:

1. We are not looking
2. We are not turning
a blind eye



Galatians 6:1 (NET)

- Brothers and sisters, if a person is discovered in some sin, you who are spiritual restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness. Pay close attention to yourselves, so that you are not tempted too.



What kinds of sins are we talking about?

What about the works of the flesh?



Look back at Galatians 5:19-21



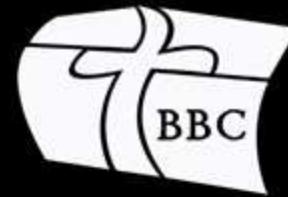
Galatians 5:19–21 (NET)

- Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factions,²¹ envying, murder, drunkenness, carousing, and similar things. I am warning you, as I had warned you before: Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God!



Matthew 18 Says

v. 15



Matthew 18:15

• **“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.**



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Notice he doesn't say:

- **Pastors**
- **Elders**
- **Deacons**
- **Teachers**
- **Overseers**

Who are the you who are spiritual?



Who are the
'you who are
spiritual?'

Paul tells us...

¹⁶ **But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** ¹⁷ **For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.** ¹⁸ **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.** ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.** ²⁴ **And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.** ²⁵ **If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**

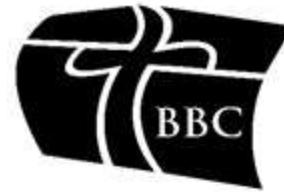


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Restore

Elsewhere in the New Testament (cf. Matt 4:21; Mark 1:19) this same word is used for the mending or overhauling of fishnets.

It was also a part of the medical vocabulary of ancient Greece, where it meant “to set a fractured or dislocated bone.”

Timothy George

To Restore



- 1) To bring the brother or sister back to a state where they are no longer sinning**

- 2) To bring the brother or sister back into personal or corporate fellowship**



Matthew 5:23–24

- So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember **that your brother has something against you,** ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. **First be reconciled to your brother,** and then come and offer your gift.



Reconcile

**to restore to friendship or harmony
(reconciled the factions)**

Merriam-Webster

Why is this such a big deal?



Romans 5:10

•For if while we were enemies
**we were reconciled to
God by the death of his Son,**
much more, **now that we are
reconciled, shall we be saved
by his life.**



2 Corinthians 5:18

• All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;



Ministry of Reconciliation

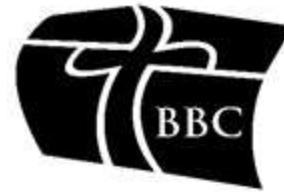
- In our homes
- Within our family
- In the church
- At work
- To the world



How
serious is
this?



Turn to Matthew 6:12-14



**The Evangelical
Christian Church does
NOT take these words
of Jesus serious period!**



Matthew 6:12–14

•and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,



**Paul does not
address what
happens if they do
not want to be
restored.**



Restoration is the Goal!

Matthew 18:15



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- “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.



What guidance
does Paul give for
how to go about
doing this?



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Gentle

**free from harshness, sternness,
or violence**

Merriam-Webster



**Concerning this verse commentator
Timothy George writes:**

**Gentleness is an aspect of the fruit
of the Spirit and cannot coexist
with a harsh and censorious spirit.**

The New American Commentary. Vol. 30, p. 412



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How does this work?

How does this passage compare to others?



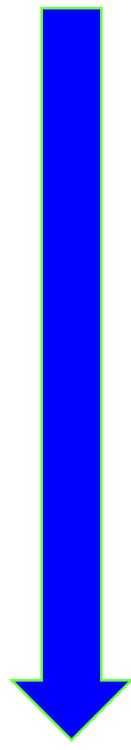
Turn to 1 Corinthians 5



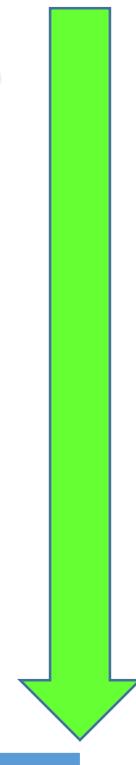
It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? **Let him who has done this be removed from among you.** ³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ **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.**



**Gently
Restore**



**Remove
&
Deliver
to
Satan**





What accounts for the difference in restore v. remove?



Turn to Matthew 18:15ff



Matthew 18:15–17

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 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 collector.



**The degree to which one
refuses to repent or refuses
to forgive others
proportionally creates
doubt as to the legitimacy
of their conversion.**



**This spectrum of
variance is why I think
Paul starts out with you
who are spiritual.**



Two Layers of Application

1. Personal (individual)
2. Corporately (church)