



DENIA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

# **“Jesus on Confronting Sin”**

## **Matthew 18:15–20**

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# Internal Threats to Church Families | Matthew 18:1-35

**Addressing Pride**                      **18:1-14**

**Confronting Sin**                      **18:15-20**

**Forgiving Sinners**                      **18:21-35**



# God's Heart for Strays | Matthew 18:12-14

<sup>12</sup> “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? <sup>13</sup> If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.



# Confronting Sin | Matthew 18:15-20

**15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.**

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**16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.' [Deuteronomy 19:15]**

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**17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.**



# Confronting Sin | Matthew 18:15-20

“and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.





# Confronting Sin in Corinth | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

**<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.**

# Confronting Sin in Corinth | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

<sup>3</sup> For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. <sup>4</sup> In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.



# Confronting Sin in Corinth | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? <sup>7</sup> Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



# Confronting Sin in Corinth | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

<sup>9</sup> I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; <sup>10</sup> I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world.



# Confronting Sin in Corinth | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

<sup>11</sup> But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? <sup>13</sup> But those who are outside, God judges. “Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.”



# Restoring a Sinner in Corinth | 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

<sup>5</sup> But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—in order not to say too much—to all of you. <sup>6</sup> Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority, <sup>7</sup> so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

# Confronting Sin | Matthew 18:15-20

**18 "Truly I say to you,  
whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in  
heaven; and  
whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in  
heaven.**



# Confronting Sin | Matthew 18:15-20

**<sup>19</sup> “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”**



# Church Discipline at Denia Community Church

**Church discipline is commanded by Christ and therefore will be exercised at Denia Community Church (Matthew 18:15–20).**

**Church discipline is an act of love—love for God in obeying His will, love for the church in protecting it from sin, love for others by preserving the church's witness, and love for the offending member, who is making choices harmful to him/herself and others.**



# Church Discipline at Denia Community Church

Church discipline is neither hateful nor punitive but an act of loving commitment to achieve genuine repentance and full restoration.

Members who repent of their sin and are restored to fellowship are to be forgiven, comforted, and reassured of the church's love (2 Corinthians 2:6–7).



# **Church Discipline at Denia Community Church**

**Church members who refuse to repent may have their sin reported and their membership rescinded (Matthew 18:17).**

**Non-members who attend and participate in church events at DCC for at least three months may be considered de facto members for church discipline purposes without formal church membership.**



# Church Discipline at Denia Community Church

Reasons for church discipline include but are not limited to:

- **Rejecting biblical instruction (2 Thessalonians 3:14–15)**
- **Factiousness and divisiveness (Romans 16:17; Titus 3:10–11)**
- **False teaching (2 Peter 2:1–3; 2 John 10)**
- **Disorderliness (2 Thessalonians 3:6)**
- **Sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 5:1–13)**

# Church Discipline at Denia Community Church

The DCC elders have the ultimate authority and responsibility to discipline, restore, and remove DCC members according to relevant Scripture guidelines (Matthew 18:15–20; 1 Corinthians 5:1–13; 2 Corinthians 2:6–8; 2 Thessalonians 3:14–15; Galatians 6:1–2, etc.).



# Church Discipline at Denia Community Church

**If a member departs from DCC while under church discipline and attends another church or ministry, the DCC elders may inform that church's or organization's leadership of the disciplinary action, along with the grounds for that action. The DCC elders may share information about a disciplined church member to other persons or parties whom they deem to have the need or right to know.**







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