



CALVARY CHAPEL

Balancing Grace and Truth

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John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:1 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.

- If leaders don't deal with the problem, they become the problem.

- **As spiritual leaders we must:**

- Provide – Teaching, Leadership, Direction and be an Example
- Protect – Unity, Biblical Truth, Administer Discipline

1 Corinthians 5:2 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?

- Do I tolerate or confront unrepented sin?

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

1 Corinthians 5:3-5 For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. 4 So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, 5 hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

- Truth without grace is harsh. Grace without truth is meaningless
- **Before the Conversation**
- Examine our heart first – we need love and concern, not judgment or anger
- Pray for guidance, wisdom, open heart and the right words
- Choose a private setting

- Sometimes we need another person with us
- **During the Conversation**
- Address with gentleness – use tones and body language to show grace
- Express care - "I'm talking to you because I care about you"
- Be specific but respectful about what you've observed or heard
- Listen - give them time to respond, seek understanding
- Ask questions rather than making accusations - "Can you help me understand what's happening?"

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Proverbs 22:24-25 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.

- Don't separate ourselves from unbelievers. Reach them for Christ

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. 12 What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13 God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

- We can be friendly without allowing someone to influence us
- **Summary:**
- 1. Address Sin with Courage and Compassion
- 2. Maintain Holiness and Integrity
- 3. Embrace the Role of Church Discipline
- 4. Promote Unity and Accountability in Christian Community
- **Personal Reflection:**
- 1. Are there some relationships that I should end?

- 2. Are there some relationships that I should begin?
- 3. Am I a good influence in the life of others?
- 4. Do I have unrepented sin I need to repent from?
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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