

“Forgiving a Brother”

# Assess the situation – differences

## If your brother sins

- Private in nature.
- Layered steps on how to address the sin.
- Conversation with the brother in hopes that it doesn't get any bigger.

## There is immorality among you

- Public sin that the group is aware of.
- Separation for the saving of the soul.
- The sin is affecting the attitude of the group.

## Those who caused sorrow

- The sin is in the past but the group still knows it.
- Command to reintegrate the brother.

# Assess the situation - commonalities

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- We need to be hurt by sin.
- God calls for some action on our end.
- Satan is desiring the person.
- The sin causes a disruption in our relationship with the brother.
- The outcome we need to desire is the salvation of our brother.

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# Contextualizing Matthew 18

- You are not better than anyone else in the Kingdom. - vv.1-4
- Your brother may fall into sin, don't be the reason they do. - vv. 5-7
- Nothing is worth losing a soul over. - vv. 8-9
- God's will is that your brother is saved. - vv. 10-14
- Forgiveness and restoration not shaming your brother needs to be the goal. - vv. 19-35

# When dealing with sin...

<p>Pray for your brother's soul.</p>	<p>Remember God's forgiveness and judgment.</p>
<p>Watch your own soul.</p>	<p>See how God has equipped you to confront the sin.</p>

When dealing with sin...

have the  
compassion of Jesus.