1 Corinthians

Chapter 5

Discipline = Love

**Worship** (CW:459:2)

A: Grant me the strength to do

**Lesson Objectives**

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**B: With ready heart and willing**

A: Whatever you command

**B: My calling here fulfilling**

A: That I do what I should

**B: While trusting you to bless**

A: The outcome for my good,

**B: For you must give success.**

**Before We Begin**

For each of the following situations, determine what the loving action would be.

* A child says, “I don’t like going to the doctor. It’s scary, and I’m not going.”
* Your spouse makes a meal you really don’t like and asks, “What do you think?”
* Your friend in high school says, “Once the light turns green I’m going to drag race this car next to me.”
* A relative sitting next to you at a family dinner won’t stop talking about how much money they’re making in their career.

**The Problem (5:1-2)**

1. Paul had heard reports of a man sleeping with his stepmother.
	1. How had the Corinthians reacted immaturely?
	2. Make a list of reasons they might have used to justify their reaction.
	3. Describe both the bad and good thought process we have when we see someone we love falling into sin.
		1. Bad

**Words to Remember**

5:6-7 Don’t you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast – as you really are.

* + 1. Good

**The Solution (5:3-5)**

1. Defend your faith: Someone says to you, “You shouldn’t care what other people do. The Bible says you shouldn’t judge others or you will be judged too. Plus, Jesus didn’t even judge the sinful woman brought to him.”
	1. Where are the flaws in this argument?
	2. What Scripture passages could you reference here?
2. What might our initial reaction be when Paul says to “hand this man over to Satan”? Why would this actually be a very loving action?

**A Little Yeast (5:6-8)**

1. Defend your faith – Someone says to you, “I’m proud of the way the Corinthians handled this. I don’t know why Paul is making such a big deal about this. Doctrine just drives wedges between people.”
	1. Use verses 6-8 to respond.
	2. How does Paul bring the gospel into the discussion?
	3. How do we come across if we don’t make the gospel the center of our difficult conversations?

**Inside and Outside (5:9-13)**

1. Paul reminds the Corinthians here that would be impossible to avoid associating with sinners in this world.
	1. What are the challenges we face when we are surrounded by people who do not share our faith?
	2. Where do we find strength to overcome those challenges?

**Review:**

Sin:

New:

Reminder:

Thankfulness: