

**1 CORINTHIANS**

**Great Church Fights**

# HOW TO HANDLE A SCANDAL WITH GRACE

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1. The scandal of immorality in the church.

### 1 Corinthians 5:1

*<sup>1</sup> 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.*

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1. The scandal of immorality in the church.
2. The bigger scandal of indifference in the church.

### 1 Corinthians 5:2-5

*<sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> 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*

### *1 Corinthians 5:2-5*

*Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. <sup>4</sup> So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, <sup>5</sup> 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.*

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### Purposes:

1. Restoration of the person
2. Protection of the church
3. Honoring of Christ

### *1 Corinthians 5:6-13*

*<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup> 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.*



### *1 Corinthians 5:6-13*

*<sup>8</sup> 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.*

*<sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—*

### 1 Corinthians 5:6-13

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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,

### *1 Corinthians 5:6-13*

*a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.*

*<sup>12</sup> What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? <sup>13</sup> God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”*

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- C. A community of Grace wisely restores & transforms.

### *Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)*

*<sup>1</sup> “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.*

*<sup>3</sup> “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own?”*

### *Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)*

*<sup>4</sup> How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.*



### *Titus 3:10-11 (NLT)*

*<sup>10</sup> If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. <sup>11</sup> For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.*

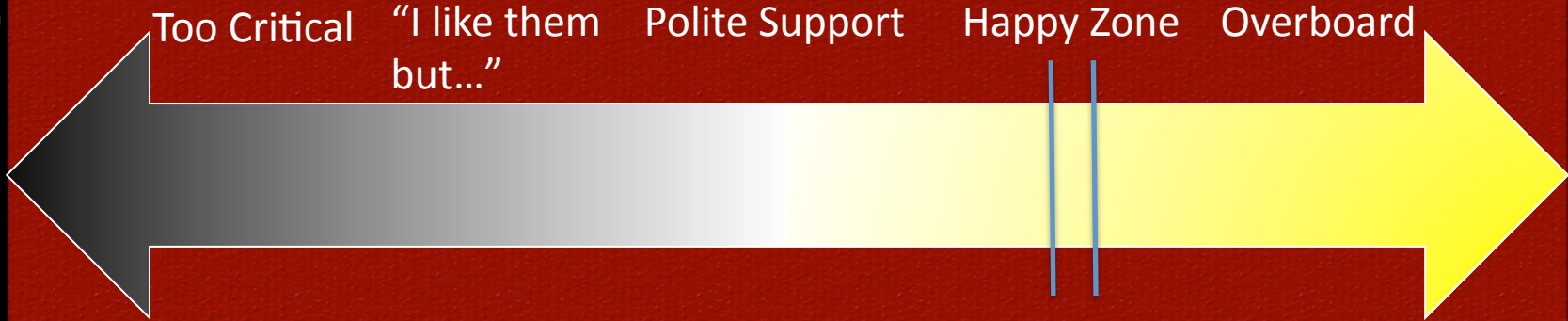
### *Galatians 6:1*

*Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.*

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