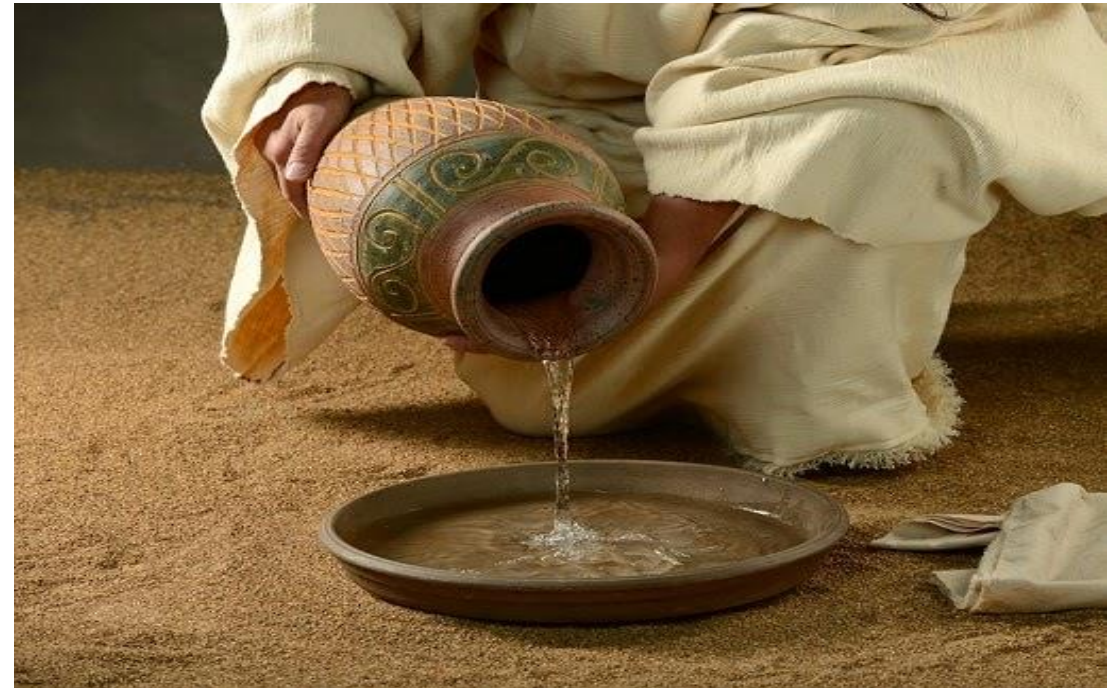

Resolving Conflict with Humility & Love

Matthew 18:15-20



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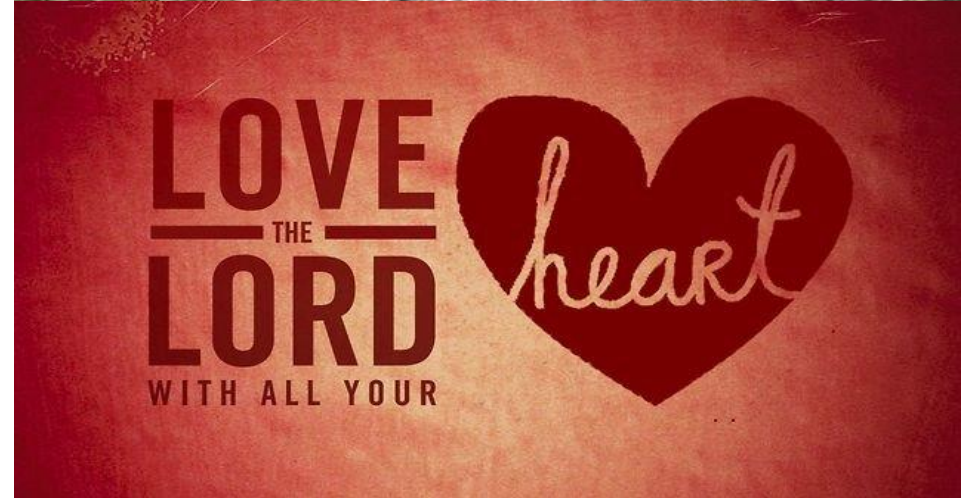
HLCE Theme 2025

Year of Service

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Matthew 20:28

***Jesus came not to be
served but to serve***



How to Serve in Love and Unity?

Matthew 18 4th Teaching Discourse

Extra-ordinary Kingdom Relationships

- Humility (V1-9)
- Care for Each Other (10-14)
- Resolving Conflicts (15-20)
- Forgiveness (V21-35)

**SERVE
UNITED**



Matthew 18:1-14
United to Serve
with Humility & Love

Who is the Greatest?

Competitive spirits

hinder our service to God

**Serve with Humility,
Compassion, & Love**



Matthew 18:15-20
***Resolving Conflict
with Humility & Love***

*What do you do when you
know your brother or sister
sins/sins against you?*

**Purpose, Procedure,
Principles**

*By His Way and Power
in His Presence*



**Life of humility,
honesty, and love**



Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ 'If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.



18 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'



Go and Show

*15 'If your brother or sister sins,
go and point out their fault,
just between the two of you.'*

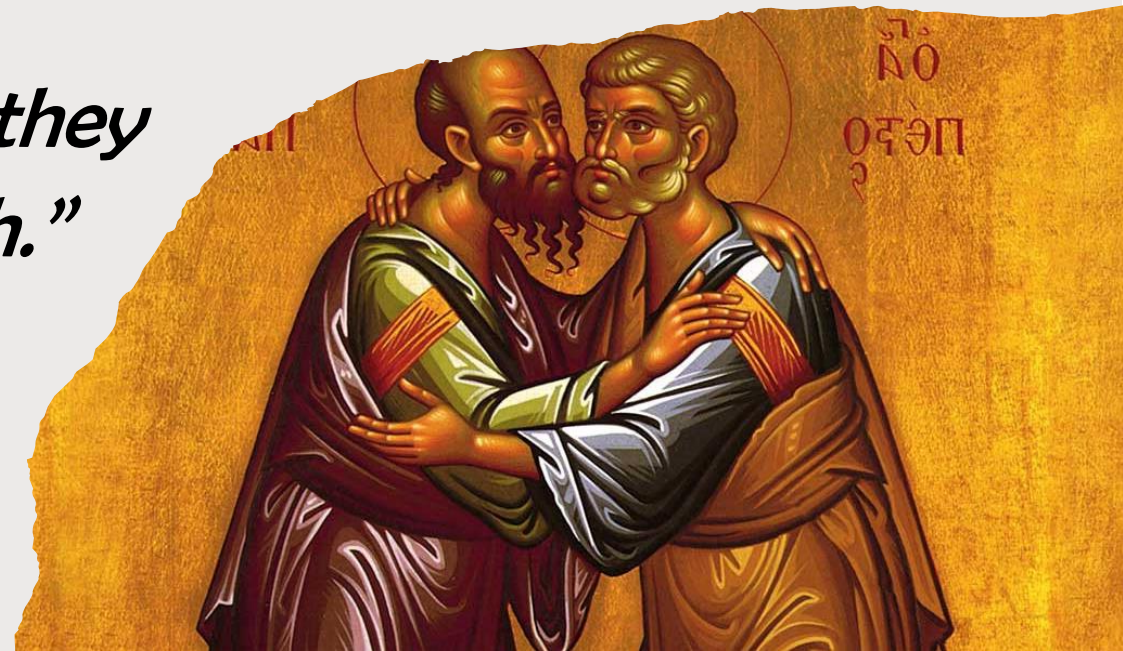
Not just Sin but Rebellion!

'listen' x 4 in V15-17

"If they listen, if they will not listen, If they still refuse to listen, even to the church."

See face to face in Christ

Person-honouring Conversation



Purpose: For Restoration and Growth

Not to Condemn or Get Even

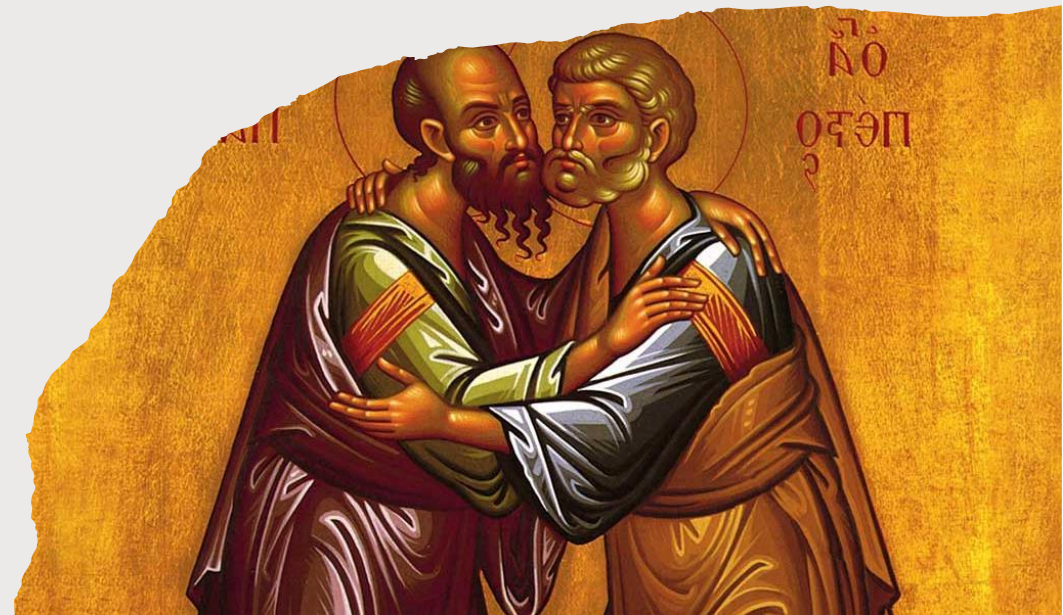
If they listen to you, you have won them over.

‘Restore’ Greek medical word *‘to set a broken bone’*.

With Love and Gentleness

Galatians 6:1 *“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.”*

Do Not be Judgmental



Christ Our Foundation

*We are all secure and
humble by God's love*

**Be open and
transparent**

*Instead, speaking the truth
in love, we will in all things
grow up into him who is
the Head, that is, Christ.*

Ephesians 4:15



Reconciliation Through Christ



**Speaking
The TRUTH
in Love**

Take with you: “One or two others”

***16 But if they will not listen,
take one or two others along, so that
“every matter may be established by
the testimony of two or three witnesses.”***

**Enlarge the circle of
communication and counsel**

***Witnesses for counsel,
accountability & transparency***

Deuteronomy 19:15



If they still refuse to listen,

Tell it to the church:

Get leadership involved

Discipline if failed

*and if they refuse to listen even to
the church, treat them as you
would a pagan or a tax collector.*

Treat as a non-believer

Excommunication

Taken out of the fellowship



A painful last resort to restoration

A Warning to Others

1 Timothy 5:19-20

“Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.”

A Warning to him 2 Thess. 3:14-15

“If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter...Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.”



**It is not giving
up on him!**

**Still For Restoration
with Love**

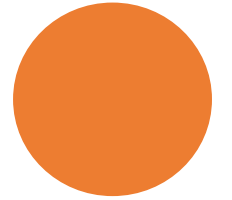
2 Corinthians 2:6-8

“The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.”



Authority of the church to discipline

18 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



Binding & Loosing by His Word

Carry out God's will in obedient to His word

Authority Based on the Word

Resolution of Conflict

guided by the Word of God



Go in Prayer

¹⁹ 'Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.'

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

Go in His Strength

Rely on Him

His power is released to us

His Presence is with us!



Serve Together in Love & Unity

**Resolve Conflict with
Humility and Love**

For Restoration and Growth

**Corrective and
Formative Discipline**

*Encourage truth-telling,
repentance, reconciliation,
and reformation among us.*



A Kingdom Life of Humility and Love

**Do it Lovingly
in God's Way
by His Strength
in His Presence**

*Act with His authority,
guided by His word.
Go in prayer, rely on His power,
count on His presence.*



A life worthy of the calling
you have received

Ephesians 4:2-6

*Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

*Make every effort to keep the unity
of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you
were called to one hope when you were called;*

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

*⁶ one God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.*



**United by the
One Gospel**



Crucial for vitality & health of a church

“Without church discipline, sin wins. It fractures fellowship. It sows bitterness and division. It chokes the life out of churches. But God, in the gospel, doesn’t let sin win.

He forgives its penalty. He breaks its power. He restores what it stole and heals what it broke. To rebuke sin and extend forgiveness is to push back the darkness that threatens to extinguish the light of the gospel in someone’s heart. It’s to hack at the roots of evil which try to strangle the life out of the church.”

Bobby Jamieson



***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Enjoy and Glorify God Forever!



Be United to Serve Him with Love and Humility