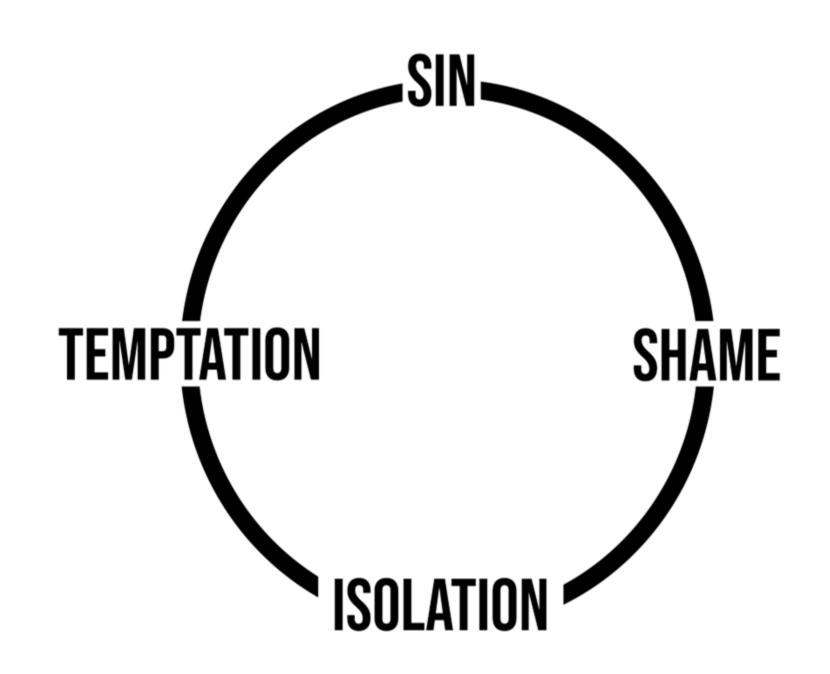


If we are going to be a healthy church, we need to be a vulnerable church.





19 people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

(John 3:19-20 NLT)

We are never more at risk than when we are alone



<sup>23</sup> Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25 NLT)

## We are a Church of REAL PEOPLE experiencing REAL LIFE and pursuing REAL CHANGE.

"It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning" (1 Corinthains 5:12 NLT)

## We Only Speak the Truth in Love

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. <sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. (Galatians 6:1-3)

- 1. What is my motivation?
- 2. Am I willing to share their burden?
- 3. Am I the one to do this?



## We Dismantle Gossip and Rumours

<sup>28</sup> A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

I will keep what you share with in confidence, unless...

- What you share makes me fearful that you are going to hurt yourself or someone else.
- If I feel that I'm in over my head and need to seek addition council.



## We Relentlessly Pursue Radical Forgiveness

<sup>23</sup> "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. (Matthew 5:23-24)

"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone."

(Romans 12:18)



