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## **SESSION 4: Correct One Another**

*“Faithful are the wounds of a friend.” Proverbs 27:6*

*“Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.” Proverbs 9.8*

### **I. WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN CORRECTION?**

- A. The Holiness of God
- B. The Seriousness of Sin
- C. The Message of the Cross
- D. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

### **II. WHERE DO WE SEE CORRECTION IN THE SCRIPTURES?**

- A. Formative Teaching:
  - 2 Timothy 3.16
- B. Interpersonal:
  - Matthew 18.15
- C. Formal and Corporate:
  - Matthew 18.16-17

### **III. WHEN SHOULD WE CORRECT SOMEONE?**

- A. After considering our own hearts (Matthew 7.1-5)
  - B. When it is best to NOT overlook an offense. (Proverbs 19.11)
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C. When someone is caught in a sin. (Gal. 6.1-2; Matthew 18.15; Gal. 2.14)

#### **IV. WHAT SHOULD CORRECTION PRODUCE?**

Correction is a means of God's grace, a mark of sincere friendship, and an expression of selfless care. Rightly administered and humbly received it positions a believer to experience conviction for sin, forgiveness in the gospel, and a renewed concern for righteousness. Such conviction, forgiveness and concern are the marks of a restored brother or sister, grateful for correction and able to walk again in a manner consistent with the gospel. (Prov. 27.6; 9.8;

#### **V. HOW SHOULD WE CORRECT OTHERS?**

After we have considered the call to overlook an offense (Prov. 19.11) and taken time to evaluate our own hearts (Matt. 7.1-5), we must then resist the fear of man, love of ease or any other hindrance and go.

*Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6.1-2)*

A. Thoughts from Galatians 6.1-2

“Caught in any transgression...”

“You who are spiritual”

“Restore him...”

B. Ways to Restore With A Spirit of Gentleness<sup>1</sup>

1. Prayerful
2. Private
3. Ask Questions
4. Aim to Restore
5. Identify
6. Encourage
7. Clearly share
8. Warn
9. Plead

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<sup>1</sup> Several of these suggestions came from an excellent article entitled, “Nine Ways to Confront in Love: A Primer for the Timid” by J. Alasdair Groves. Journal of Biblical Counseling. Copyright©2017 CCEF.