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But is this a godly reaction?

*I got into direct confrontation with everybody I love. - Lauryn Hill*  
(American singer-songwriter, rapper, record producer, and actress)

- ❖ When you read the quote by Lauryn Hill what strikes you as odd? Does there seem to be two opposing ideas? Why?

To confront a person is to bring something such as contradictory facts or evidence to the attention of somebody, often in a challenging way. Is there a place for love in this process that makes confrontation a powerful piece in restoration?

Read Matthew 22:36-40

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- ❖ When we read this passage we realize that in our relationships with God and man we are called to love. What does love look like? When is it hard to love?

I always think about loving another as seeking their best interest. This begins to have huge ramifications when we begin to talk about a Christian’s relationship with God. If I love my brother or sister, I must seek their best interest which is to be in a right standing with God. If they are out of alignment in their standing with God, I have an obligation to confront them as Paul did with Peter.

The Art of Confrontation:

1. Evaluation – It would be easy to want to dissect our brother’s or sister’s behavior, but confrontation must start with us.

- ❖ Read Matthew 7:3-5. Create a scenario or role play to demonstrate the truth of this passage.

In his sermon, Shawn reminded us there is a difference between judging and restoring. Judging is usually the product of things non-scriptural such as: opinion and preference. Pride can often be at the root of judging others.

On the other hand restoration is about helping people to move to place that aligns them relationally with God and others.



- ❖ It might be obvious, but which of the two parallels Matthew 22:36-40. Why do people struggle with this? Do you?

After we have checked our own hearts, we then can begin to evaluate the severity of our brother's or sister's sin.

- a. We need to ask for the Spirit's leading to evaluate the severity and consequences of the sin. Some issues may need to be excused with grace at this time.
- b. We need counsel to become aware of deeper spiritual needs that this sin is a product.

## 2. The Confrontation – Read back through Galatians 2:11-21.

- ❖ How did Paul confront Peter? What attitudes and principles were used?

Paul didn't mess around. He gets to the issue of Peter's sin. He addresses Peter out of love and a passion for God's truth. This leads us to the third step of confrontation

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