

October 4th, 2026**Comfortably Numb**
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OVERVIEW

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- How a church should respond to public, unrepented sin (vv.3-5)
- Addressing the church's sin (vv.6-8)
- A church is to be set apart but not isolated (vv. 9-13)

IMPLICATIONS: *Where have I become comfortably numb to sin?*

1. Ask God to restore our _____ to sin.

Ps 139:23; Matt 5:4; 6

2. Ask God to help us face sin _____. Matt 7:3

3. Ask God to help us be _____. James 5:16

TALK IT OVER

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Paul's concern in 1 Corinthians 5 wasn't only one man's sin, but the church's response to it. Why do you think it's possible for Christians—or even entire churches—to become "comfortably numb" to sin? What are some ways that can happen today?

Read Psalm 139:23-24 and Matthew 5:4-6. Why do you think Jesus connects spiritual maturity with mourning over sin and hungering for righteousness? What might it look like to pray, "Search me, O God," in a practical way this week?

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Jesus never became numb to what sin was doing to people—He moved toward them with both truth and grace. Is there someone in your life who needs restoration rather than condemnation? What is one practical way you could reflect the heart of Jesus toward them this week?



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