



## Restoring the Fallen

### Prayer

**Text:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Icebreaker:** Read Psalm 32:1-4; 51:8 and talk about the misery and conviction a Christian experiences when they are out of fellowship with God and have not turned from their sin.

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1. What happens when a backslidden Christian turns from sin and gets right with God?

Psalm 51:10-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Isaiah 55:7-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What responsibility do we have toward a fellow believer that is sinning, and is disgracing Christ and His Church?

Matthew 18:15 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 5:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What caution does Paul give us when going to a fellow believer to restore them?

Galatians 6:1

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4. What does a good shepherd do when one of his sheep has strayed?

Matthew 18:12-13; Luke 15:4-7

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Confronting another Christian about their sin is not easy, but if it is done in love many times you will have the great joy of seeing them restored.

5. What did Jesus tell us to do when an erring brother won't listen to us? Matthew 18:16

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6. How should the church handle charges brought against pastors and elders?

1 Timothy 5:1, 19-20

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7. What if the sinning brother/sister is still unwilling to receive the appeal to get right with God from the 2 or 3 spiritual believers who have gone to speak with him? Matthew 18:17

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8. What is meant in verses 18-20 in the context of church discipline?

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9. What instructions did Paul give to us regarding Christians that continue to live in sin?

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What severe discipline was placed upon the individuals mentioned in the following texts?

1 Timothy 1:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Corinthians 5:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How effective was this discipline with the man who had been living in sin with his step mother? 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

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Think about it this week:

*Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present,  
but painful; nevertheless,  
afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness  
to those who have been trained by it.*

Hebrews 12:11