



Devotion Info
The Middle Seat

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1 Corinthians 5:1-3 NLT

- Why does the church typically insulate unrepentant members and sneer at unbelieving explorers of Christ?

Application:

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- How does this statement change how you see your role in the lives of other believers: “*When it comes to sin in the life of those of us who claim to love the Christ that died for our sins, we not only have a right, but we have a responsibility to judge that sin*”?

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1 Corinthians 5:3-6 NLT

- In 1 Cor. 5:5 Paul says, “you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.” Does this command apply to the leadership of the church or the individuals that make up the church?

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- What did you think when PK said, “What you see in others is just a reflection of what you see in you.”

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DAY 5 Read 1 Corinthians 5:6-7

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[6] Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 NLT

- Would you agree or disagree that most churches miss the meaning of this passage? (Many believe this is a passage of excommunication intended to shun or cast out, but Paul meant it to demonstrate restoration. This process was to show that we love them, not to prove that we don't.)

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