

Message Title: **Church Discipline: When Love Says No**Mat. 18:15-20 NKJV | Sunday AM, August 15th, 2021 | Pastor Jack Lamb

¹⁵ "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

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3.	We All Grow Through	One Another

Sermon Application Questions

- 1. How do you know when to confront a sinning Christian? Since we're all sinners in process, what sins need confrontation?
- 2. When someone sins against you, should you grant him forgiveness before he repents? Is there a difference between not granting forgiveness and harboring bitterness?
- 3. What is the hardest thing about seeking reconciliation with someone who has wronged you? How can you overcome this?
- 4. How would you answer the objection that church discipline will drive people away and that we can't minister to people who leave our church?
- 5. How can a person who is easily offended overcome this problem? How can you know whether you're overly sensitive?

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

Sunday Evening Notes
