

# BREAST CANCER

What Every Woman  
Should Know

19 MAY 2024

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## SPEAKERS



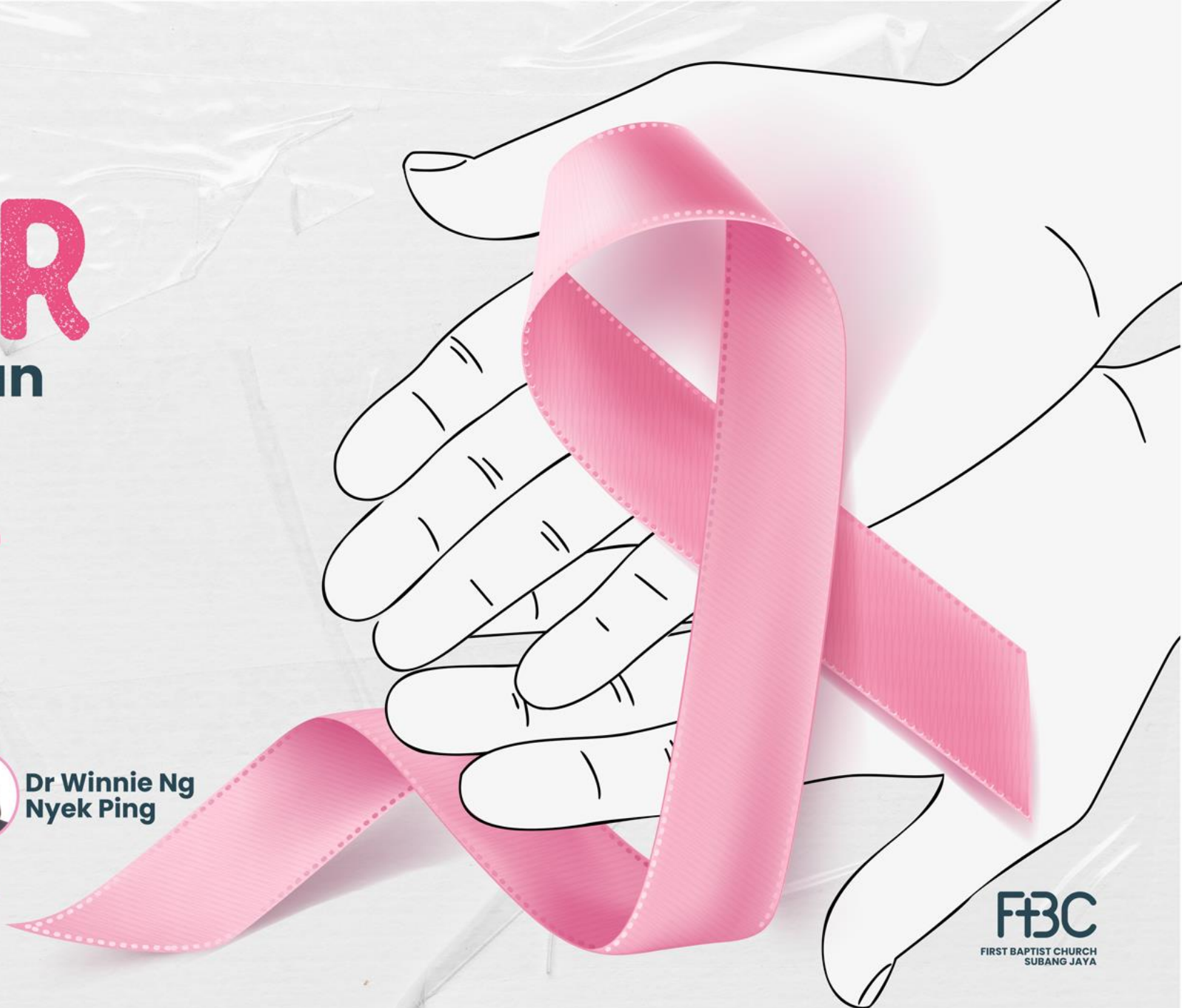
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## Next Week Sermon

# Church Discipline

1 Corinthians 5

PREACHER

**Dr. Peter Ng**

5 May, 2024

# The Church and Lawsuits

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

PREACHER

**Lee Yee Dian**

12 May, 2024

# The Gospel and Marriage

1 Corinthians 7

PREACHER

**John Lee**

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The Gospel  
in Community

WHEN FAITH AND LIFE COLLIDE

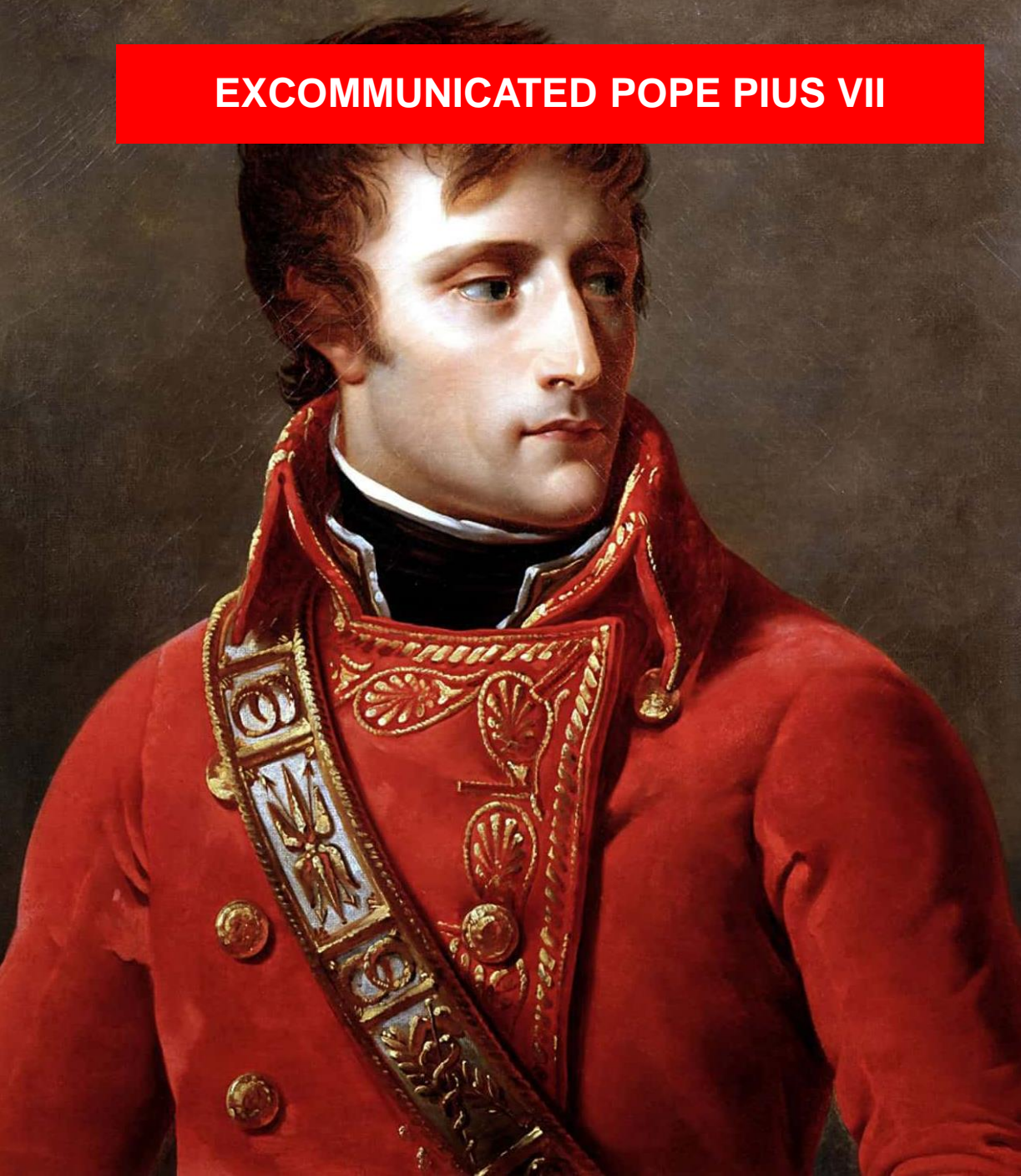
## THE GOSPEL AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

I Corinthians 5

**EXCOMMUNICATED JUNE 2014 POPE FRANCIS**



**EXCOMMUNICATED POPE PIUS VII**

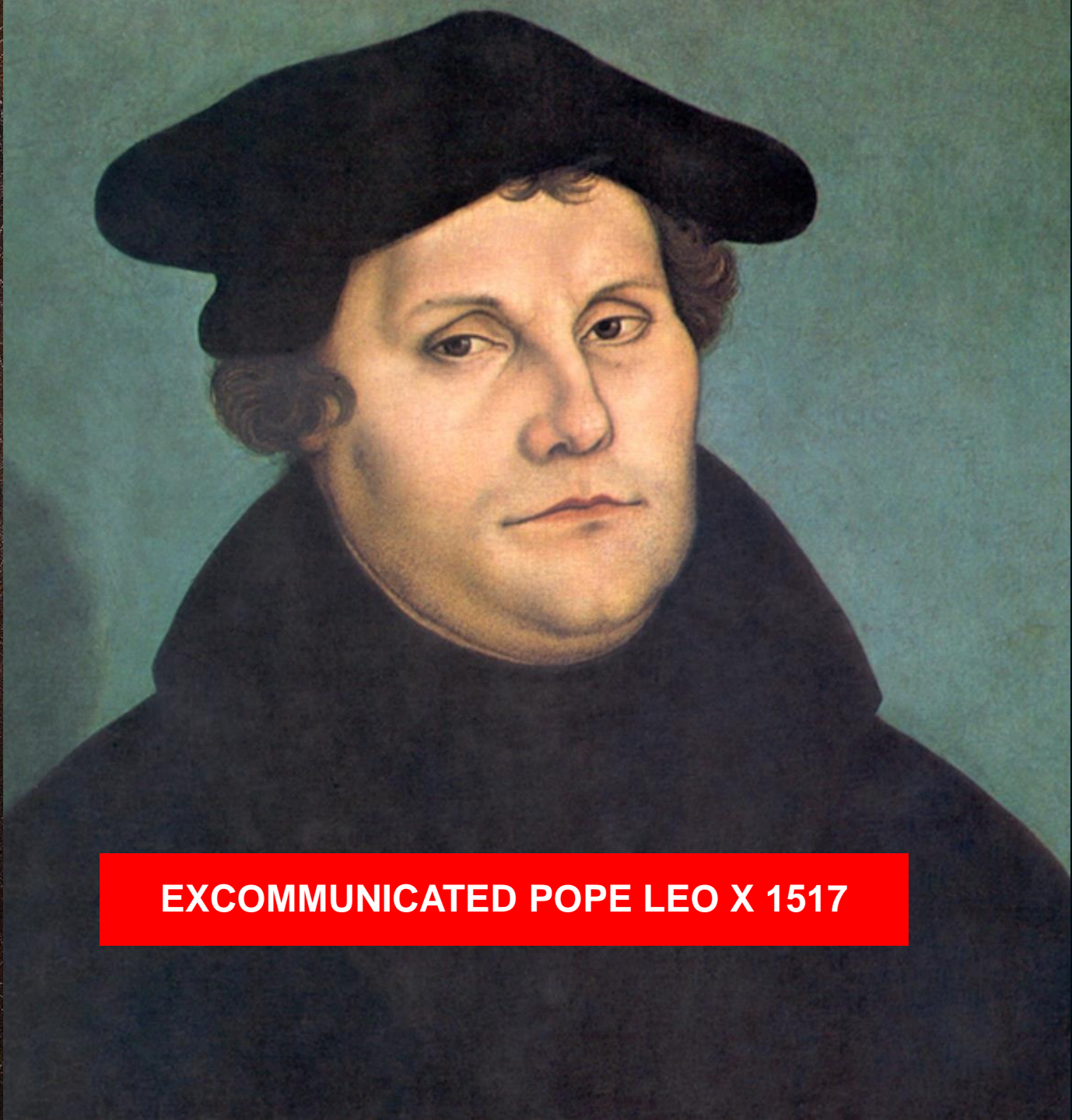


**EXCOMMUNICATED ENGLISH BISHOP**





**EXCOMMUNICATED QUEEN ELIZABETH 1**



**EXCOMMUNICATED POPE LEO X 1517**

A photograph of a large, historic stone church with a tall tower and a cemetery in the foreground. The church is made of weathered stone and has a dark grey roof. The tower is square and has a crenellated top. The church has several Gothic-style windows and a large arched entrance. In the foreground, there is a grassy area with several stone crosses and gravestones. The sky is overcast.

19th century, Baptist churches

Excommunicated 2% of  
their membership/ year

Yet growth outpaced growth  
of general population

# MODERN IMPEDIMENTS TO CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Personal privacy

Moral autonomy

Moral Relativism

Shame is  
hindrance  
To Personal  
fulfilment



A large crowd of people is shown at what appears to be a concert or a large-scale event. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a black top, is singing with her mouth open and her right hand raised. To her left, another person is also raising their hand. The background is filled with many other people, some of whom are also raising their hands, creating a sense of a large, energetic gathering. The text "KEEP A CROWD RATHER THAN GROW A COMMUNITY" is overlaid in the center of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**KEEP A CROWD RATHER  
THAN GROW A  
COMMUNITY**



## OUR CALLING TO BE HOLY

1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV) To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:



Lev 11: 44 For I am the LORD your God.

Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1

# THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1. Expose Sin
2. Warning against sin
3. Redemptive
4. Protective of the church
5. Preserve the good witness of Christ

# EXPOSURE OF SIN

Porneia –prostitution or other sexual sins  
generic term including homosexuality

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV) It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.



## OT BASIS

Leviticus 18:7-8 (ESV) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 8 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness



## CORINTHIAN CULTURE

*“Mistresses we keep for the sake of pleasure, concubines for the daily care of the body, but wives to bear us legitimate children,*







# NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO SEXUAL IMMORALITY

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV) 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you.
- 1 Corinthians 7:2 (ESV) But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.
- 1 Corinthians 10:7-8 (ESV) “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day



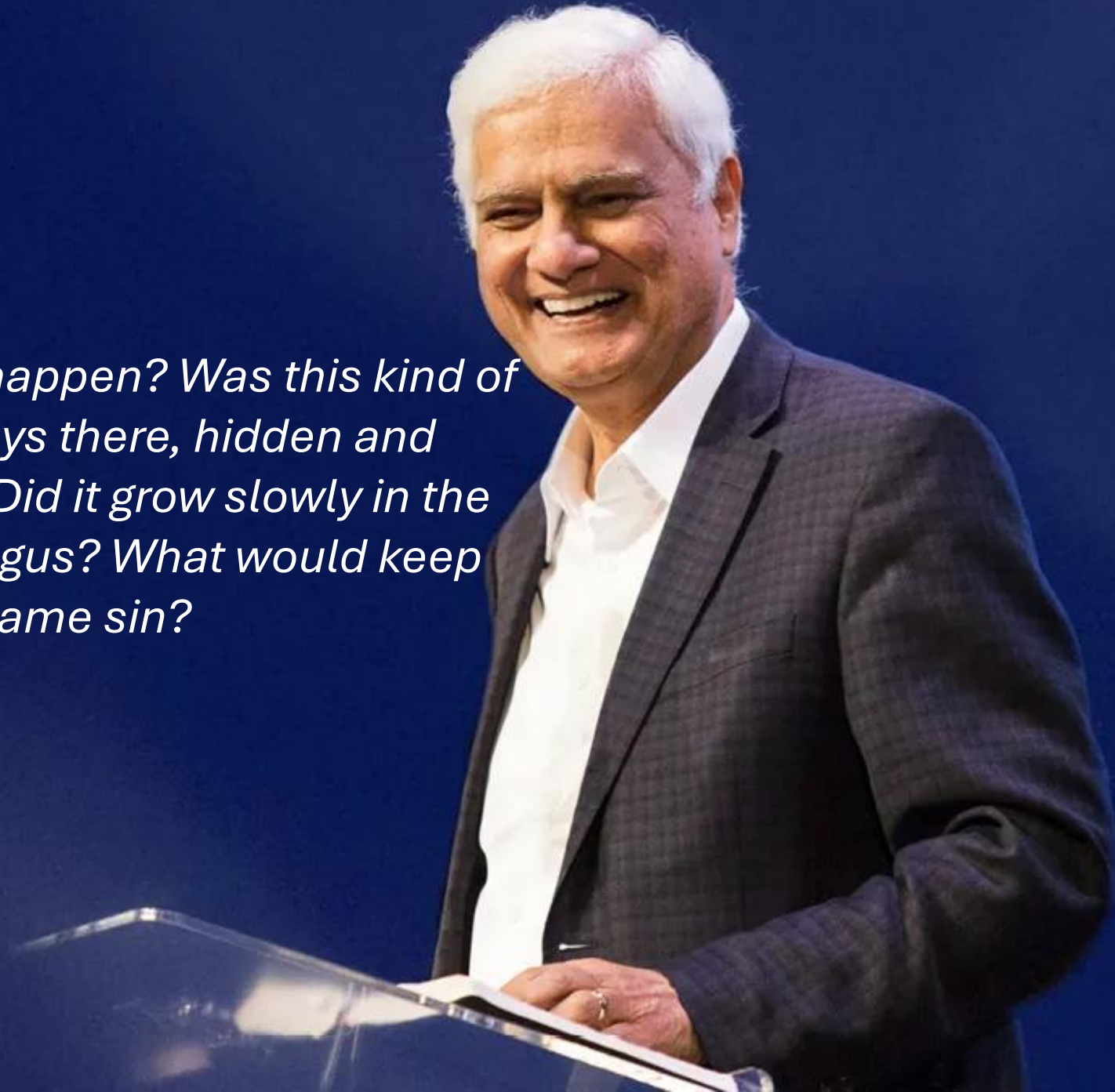


# EGREGIOUS EVEN BY SECULAR STANDARDS

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for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

*How did this happen? Was this kind of behavior always there, hidden and unrepented? Did it grow slowly in the dark like a fungus? What would keep me from the same sin?*





# BONHOEFFER

*He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone. It may be that Christians, notwithstanding corporate worship, common prayer, and all*

**Fellowship  
as devout  
believers**

**Fellowship  
as sinners**

*believers and as devout people, they do not have fellowship as the undevout, as sinners.*

*In Life together*



## **REALITY OF SIN-WE ACT AS IF THERE IS NO SIN**

1 John 1:8-10 (ESV) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

# WARNING

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV) It is actually reported that

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Deep anguish of soul frequently related to true repentance, that the righteous experience because of their own sins and the sins of others.

Two sins one of the man and one of the church  
Actually proud of their sin or Paul's sarcastic rebuke to their superspiritual claims betrayed by their toleration of such sin

for a man has his father's wife 2 And you are arrogant!

Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done

this be removed from among you.

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to **be saints**....excommunication to preserve the nature of the church



Eph. 5:11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Titus 3:10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.





2 Thess. 3:14–15 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

# MEETING GOD--DEALING WITH SIN

Solitude

Community

Self Deception

Honest Appraisal of Sin

Self Forgiveness

Real Forgiveness

Danger

Danger-  
judgementalism

**DON'T LET  
YOUR SIN  
DEFINE YOU**



Sin



Ego



# Performance

**ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW  
THEY HAVE BURDENS CAN BE  
DELIVERED FROM THEM**



Ego



**Weight of sin**

**Humility**

**Jesus**



# THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

**Humility**

Voluntary turning away from our fixation for respect to focus on something bigger than ourselves

**Humiliation  
Shame**

Forced deprivation of the ego's craving for respect

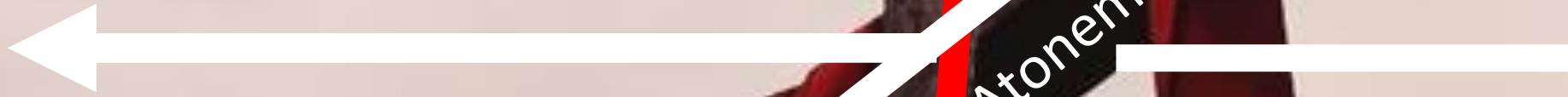
**God, be merciful to me, a sinner!**





# THREE DIMENSIONS OF GOSPEL WISDOM

Resurrection/forward-back.



Mould our message  
Mould our minds



Incarnation/upside-down



Atonement/inside-out





# Hard

Luke 18:11-12 (ESV) 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

**Self deceived**

**Cannot see the enemy**



John Piper

## **LEGALISM: NOT JUST PERFORMANCE BASED**

*“the spirit and the life that flow  
from a failure to be humbled,  
broken, amazed, and satisfied by  
the grace of God in Christ.”*



Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV) Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ



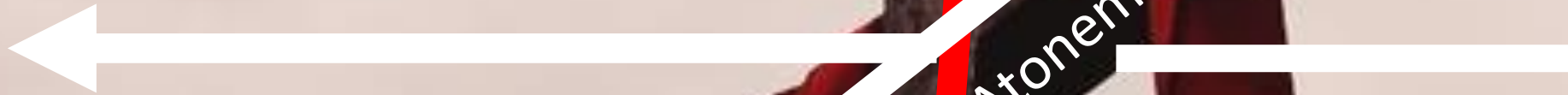
## See the Spirits conviction and power

a struggle, or  
weakness, or  
neediness, or  
desperation

John 16:8-9 (ESV) and when he comes, he will  
convict the world concerning sin and  
righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin,  
because they do not believe in m

# THREE DIMENSIONS OF GOSPEL WISDOM

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# REDEEMPTIVE

1 Corinthians 5:3-5 (ESV) For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 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.



## NATURE OF DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV) 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.

Ultimately redemptive

1 Timothy 1:20 (ESV) among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.



# DESTRUCTION OF THE FLESH

Option 1 – physical suffering to death

Based on the word destruction...Ananias Saphira,  
Paul thorn flesh

Option 2 – Satan and his “principalities and powers”  
still hold sway over people’s lives to destroy  
them...destruction of one’s sinful or carnal  
nature..flesh which is nature in rebellion against God

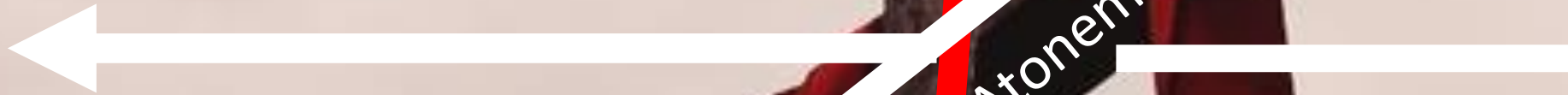
# NOT TOP DOWN

Resurrection/forward-back.

Discipline meant to serve

Incarnation/upside-down

Atonement/inside-out





**CHURCH  
DISCIPLINE  
CANNOT BE  
DONE FROM A  
POSTURE OF  
SELF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

## **KAROLYN KASKEY**



Gerardo Mora/Getty Images

- Southwestern Michigan 50yr
- Sunday school
- Tithed
- Her sin was questioning the pastor's authority.
- He charged her with spreading "a spirit of cancer and discord"

# Church members protest over removal of 400 names

**WONJA LEMBAH** A group of church members held a protest against the church's board of Deacons (BOD) after 400 names were removed from its membership with, taking away members voting rights.

The church is The Wesleyan Methodist Church, which has been involved in a controversy over alleged mismanagement of funds and a vote count that allegedly was not accurate and transparent since the job of church leaders from the board had been removed by the National Council of Churches.

A police report has also been filed over the matter.

Recently, three representatives of the 400 members went to the church's pastor, after he had said a calculation provided the support of the removal of voting members and several members, and the exclusion of others.

According to the church website, the calculations was done as some members had moved out of town, did not attend

the services regularly for some months.

"We found out that our names were removed when the members who were put up by the church's website showed that."

"However, the church cannot allow any a voting member can lose his voting membership if he had to attend three services for several general services, that all he have not attended the list," the group's spokesman said.

These protesters believed it was because they had voting members, and the lack of transparency and accountability in the church.

There have been disagreements over the voting members' lists of the Calvary Community Centre in Bukit Jalil, alleged misuse of funds from the church into the accounts of a personal ministry without members' knowledge, poor financial management, claims of expenses, and the lack of a well-respected group for speaking out.



One of the protesters holding the banner during the protest against the church's decision to remove 400 names.



the plaintiffs had not exhausted all the avenues to resolving the issues via an EGM



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2 Corinthians 2:5-8 (ESV) 5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him



2 Corinthians 2:9-11 (ESV) For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.



# PROTECTIVE FUNCTION



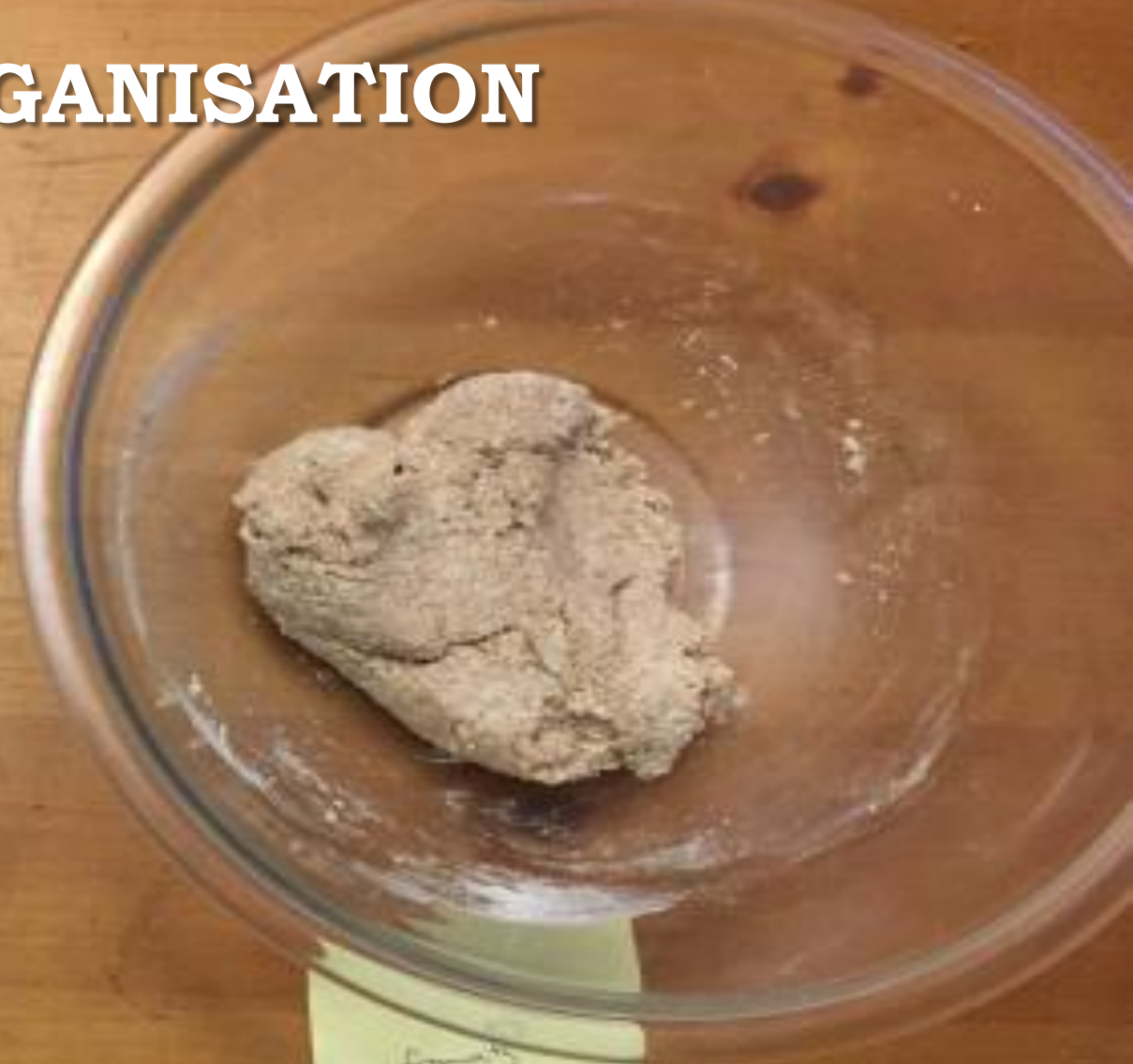
1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (ESV) Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For our Passover is Christ, therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Leaven –metaphor for evil small imperceptible until it produces its effects on whole**


**LIKE ANY ORGANISATION**



Follow



Follow

- Ephesus: Revelation 2:4-5 (ESV) But I have this against  you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
- Pergamum : Revelation 2:16 (ESV) Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.



- Sardis : Revelation 3:3 (ESV) Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

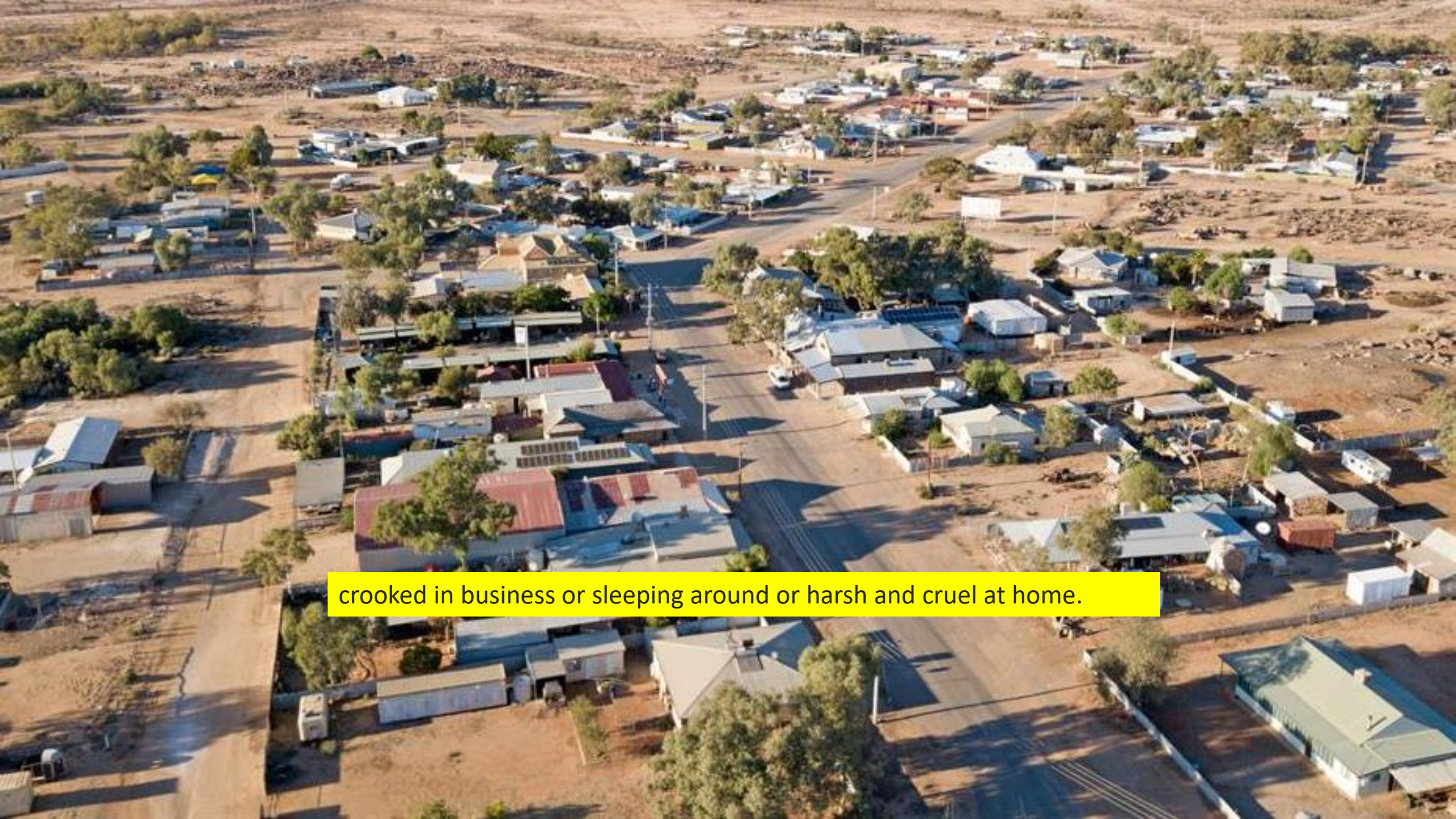
- Laodicea: Revelation 3:16 (ESV) So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.



**CORINTHIAN LORD'S SUPPER**



**ANANIAS AND SAPHIRA**



crooked in business or sleeping around or harsh and cruel at home.



1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV) Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?  
17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

# THE MOTIVATION



The death of Christ makes them new; yet they must get rid of the old in order to be new, precisely because in Christ they already are new!

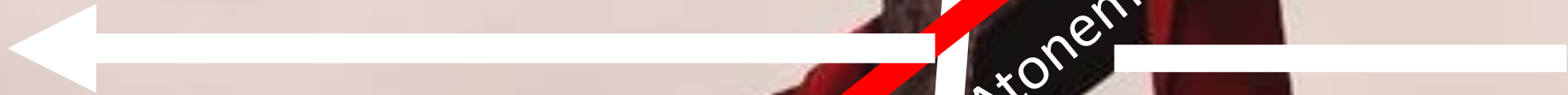
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Do you  
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new lump, as you really are unleavened.

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.<sup>8</sup>  
Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



# INSIDE OUT NOT OUTSIDE IN

Resurrection/forward-back.



The motivation for  
discipline

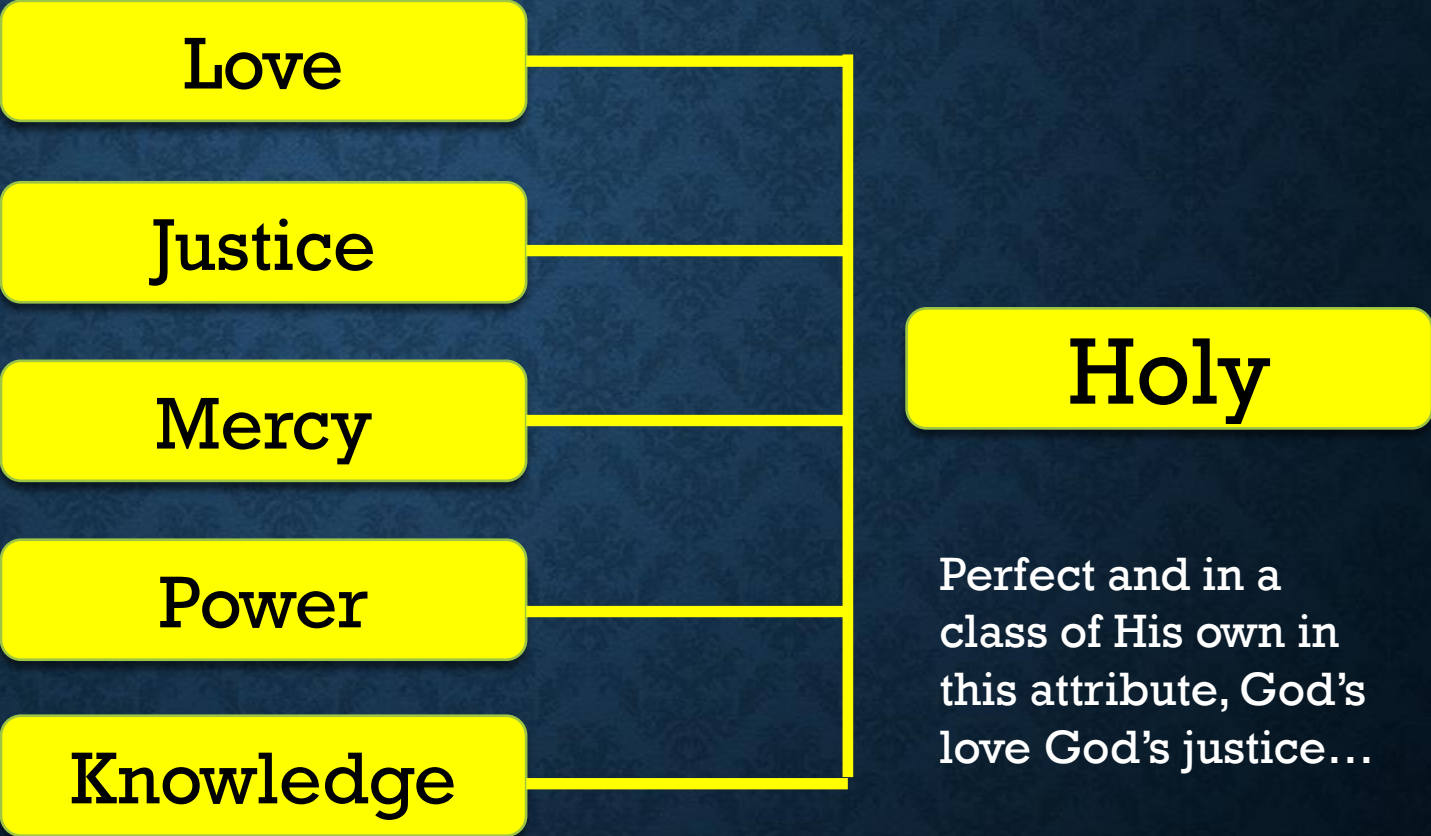
Outside in means we  
are imposing the  
rule to become holy



Incarnation/upside-down

Atonement/inside-out

# HOLY IN EVERY ASPECT OF HIS NATURE AND CHARACTER





**Holiness**

**Love**

**Misunderstanding the nature of God**



*“The cruel irony of choosing God's love over his holiness is that we end up losing both. The affection of a familiar, buddy deity isn't worth much. Only the love of the Lord of heaven and earth, who dwells in unapproachable light, is truly awe-inspiring. When we lose sight of God's greatness, his love loses meaning.”*

Drew Dyck May 20 2014

How We Forgot the Holiness of God

Christianity Today

# COMPARE THE LOVE



Moral stature



Holiness



Love

# THE HOLINESS OF GOD



Moses burning bush



Isaiah 6



Moses Ex 32

Uzzah



Ananiah Saphira



Nadab and Abihu



# PASSOVER

## Holiness of God

## Love of God





A large black cross silhouette is centered in the upper half of the image. The background is a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, some looking towards the cross. The text "PEOPLE OF THE CROSS" is written in white, bold, serif font across the top of the cross.

# PEOPLE OF THE CROSS

**Holiness of God**

**Love of God**



# POST MODERN TIMES

Tolerance is the supreme virtue of the public square

Marital infidelity

Divorce

Profanity is commonplace.

Abortion,

Homosexuality,

Moral perversions



**LOVE THE SINNER  
HATE THE SIN**

Sin is an expression of the human will.

**IF WE DO NOT DISCIPLINE**  
**WE CLAIM THAT WE LOVE BETTER THAN GOD LOVES**



Hebrews 12:6 (ESV) 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”



Hebrews 12:10-11 (ESV) For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

# **PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**



# **DISCIPLINE IS NOT FOR NON BELIEVERS**

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (ESV) I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

# FOR PROFESSED SAINTS



1 Corinthians 5:11-13 (ESV) But now I am writing to you not to associate with

anyone **Serious, outward and unrepentant** if he is guilty of

sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those

inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges

those outside. **“Purge the evil person from among you.”**



# SIN CHARACTERISES THE PERSON

- Public outward fruit of peoples lives
- Outward ,serious, unrepentant

# WHAT ARE THE AREAS

Truth

Morality

Love

# STEPS TAKEN- MATTHEW 18

**1. Take it to him personally**

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone

**2. Take others along**

But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses

**3. Take it to the church**

If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church

**4. Excommunication**

And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

# NATURE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Redemptive

Change behaviour-grow  
in godliness

Corporate

As a body of Christ

Prophetic

Shines God's truth onto  
error and sin

Proleptic

Foretaste of future  
judgment



## **SCARLET CLAY**

- Son had Cockayne Syndrome
- Separated from husband
- Did not pray for 5 years
- Did not attend church for a year

# DISCIPLINE IN LOVE

Individual

Church

World

Christ

**Holiness of God**

**Love of God**



## **BENEDICTION**

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV) Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**