

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Conflict Resolution"**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**  
**Part-82**

**Matt 18:3**

**Heb 5:8-9**

**Matt 6:14-15**

- 1. Verses 15-17 – How To Restore**
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**1. Verses 15-17 – How To Restore**

The need of conversion: Matt 18:3

The need of humility: Matt 18:4

The danger of stumbling others: Matt 18:6

The great value of all believers: Matt 18:12

Lev 19:17-18

Matt 18:7

Stumble – "putting something in the way of someone else's obedience to God and so causing them to stumble"

Sins – "miss the mark"

Jesus Gives 4 Steps to Restore:

Step #1 – A Private Conversation: "go" – Greek present tense imperative mood – implying a gentle, patient series of confrontations

Matt 5:23-24

Reprove him – “Tell him to his face”; Bring to light, expose the offense. It suggests showing to the point of conviction.

1 Peter 2:23

Preserves Confidentiality:

We must come in love and want to love:

1 Peter 4:8

We need to get the facts: if he listens to you

Prov 18:17

What is the goal and purpose? You have won your brother.

We must approach conflicts with humility: Matt 18:4

Gal 6:1-2

Restore – “to set a broken bone”

Start Soon:

Matt 18:16

Step #2 – Take Witnesses: take one or two more with you:

Deut 19:15; Deut 17:6

1. Adding more people brings added loving persuasion to the person so they might see the seriousness of the situation.
2. Protects the sinner in negotiations less the demands of correction are excessive and misguided.
3. To provide two moderators in the case that one or both parties get confrontational making it personal, failing to see the error of their way.

Matt 18:17

Step #3 – Take it to the Church: tell it to the church;

Matt 16:18

Church – literal meaning is “a called-out assembly” The word is used 114X in the New Testament and in 90 of these references, a local church (assembly).

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Some conflicts will not be resolved: and if he refuses to listen even to the church

Step #4 – Break off the relationship: let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.

1 Cor 5:9-11

2 Thess 3:6

1 Cor 5:5

Romans 12:18

## **2. Verses 18-20 – Encouragement To Restore:**

Matt 16:19

John 20:23

Matt 18:19

When we deal with conflict appropriately, we see positive results in our lives and in our church.

1. Agreement – Verse 19: agree on earth about anything that they may ask,
2. Answered Prayer – Verse 19: it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven.

Matt 18:20

3. The Lord promises His presence – Verse 20 “where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”

**Application:**

1. We earn the right to correct:
2. A quiet correction is better than a public rebuke; or worse yet – gossip:
3. We are not the accuser, but fellow followers:
4. The rewards are great but so are the risks: