

OUCH!

Part 4: "Family Values"

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I have been hurt by someone or something (a decision; a teaching; a leader or a pastor; a trusted person; etc.) in the church...



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"When others are happy, be happy with them.

If they are sad, share their sorrow."

Romans 12:15 (TLB)

TO BE A CHURCH THAT HELPS THOSE WHO HURT, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE...

1.	THE CHURCH IS	S A MADE UP	OF
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"And a person's body has more than one part. It has many parts. The foot might say, 'I am not a hand, so I don't belong to the body.' But saying this would not stop the foot from being a part of the body. The ear might say, 'I am not an eye, so I don't belong to the body.' But saying this would not make the ear stop being a part of the body."

1 Corinthians 12:14-16 (ERV)

"So are we Jews better than others? No! We have already said that <u>Jews and those who are not Jews are all guilty of sin</u>. As the Scriptures say: 'There is <u>no one who always does what is right, not even one</u>. There is no one who understands. There is no one who looks to God for help. All have turned away. Together, everyone has become useless. <u>There is no one who does anything good; there is not even one</u>."

Romans 3:9-12 (NCV)

2.	THE	NEED
	DEFENDING, NOT THE	

"Woe to you, you teachers of the law and Pharisees. There is such a gulf between what you say and what you do. You will stand before a crowd and lock the door of the kingdom of heaven right in front of everyone; you won't enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from doing so. [Woe to you, you teachers of the law and Pharisees. What you say is not what you do. You steal the homes from under the widows while you pretend to pray for them. You will suffer great condemnation for this.]"

Matthew 23:13-14 (TVB)

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. Blind

guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a came!! What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!"

Matthew 23:23-25 (NLT)

3.	···		DOESN'T REQUIRE
		<u></u>	VICTIMS.

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. If anyone thinks he is too great to stoop to this, he is fooling himself. He is really a nobody. Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won't need to compare himself with someone else. Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect!"

Galatians 6:2-5 (TLB)

"The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in. But he said to his father, 'Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you. I have always done what you told me to do, and you never gave me even a young goat for a party with my friends. But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on prostitutes, and you kill the best calf for him!' His father said to him, 'Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But this was a day to be happy and

<u>celebrate</u>. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found." **Luke 15:28-32** (ERV)

4.	JESUS ALWAYS	
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"Suppose one of you has 100 sheep, but one of them gets lost. What will you do? You will leave the other 99 sheep there in the field and go out and look for the lost sheep. You will continue to search for it until you find it. And when you find it, you will be very happy. You will carry it home, go to your friends and neighbors and say to them, 'Be happy with me because I found my lost sheep!"

Luke 15:4-6 (ERV)