

Sermon Notes

Winning a Brother from Sin

Part 1

Matthew 18:15

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

¹⁵ If your brother sins, you must be going, and you must show him his sin, between you and him alone. If he listens from you, you have won your brother.

Who is your brother?

A Christian. Male or female.

This is caring and helpful. Because sin is harmful.

It doesn't have to be perpetual sin, just sin.

“You must be going”

It's a command to all spiritual followers of Jesus

(ref.: Galatians 6:1)

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“You must be going” (continued)

Keep seeking the person until this meeting happens.

Keep doing the process (vs. 15-17) until resolution.

“between you and him alone”

The first meeting is one-on-one, in private.

Don't gossip about it.

“You must show him his sin”

Our demeanor:

Non-judgmental (Matthew 7:1-2)

In a spirit of gentleness (Galatians 6:1)

Treat them the way you would want to be treated
(Matthew 7:2, 7:12)

“If he listens from you, you have won your brother”

Repentance (Luke 17:3)

If they continue to struggle, understand and help them.

The goal is winning your brother

Application questions for 8/3/14 sermon Matthew 18:15

(Read 18:15)

Have you ever done this with a brother in Christ?

Briefly, how did the meeting go, and how did it turn out?

Can you think of times you should have done this, but didn't?

Why didn't you? (Didn't know you were supposed to, afraid, etc.)

Would you do it now? And what has changed?

Do you now see it as your responsibility, as command by Jesus?

Can you see this as caring for your brother? Why? Is this a new view for you?

Can you see why this would be necessary and helpful? Share why.

What is the goal? (winning your brother from sin)

What does "going" mean to you now?

Do you have any possible objections to this meeting being one-on-one, private?

How would you summarize what your demeanor should be in approaching the brother?

How would you summarize what response you are looking for from the brother?

If they are repentant, what are your expectations for their behavior going forward?

Has your view on this been altered as a result of the sermon?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?