

# The **RELIABLE** Rejection

## *How to Confront Without Rejecting*

### OUR CHURCH COVENANT

We covenant to seek to know (*John 17:3; Philippians 3:7-10*)  
and follow (*Matthew 4:19, 8:22, 16:24, Luke 9:23; John 10, 12:26, 21:19*)  
our Savior and to live as Jesus lived taking his commands seriously.

#### **We covenant to:**

Love and accept one another.

*1 John 4:7-8; 1 Peter 4:8; Philippians 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:9*

Bear one another's burdens.

*Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13; Galatians 6:2*

Correct one another and be open to correction.

*Matthew 6:23-24; 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13*

Forgive one another.

*Matthew 6:12; Ephesians 4:32*

Seek to build the unity of the body.

*Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27; 2:2*

Follow and respect our leaders.

*Hebrews 13:7,17*

### WE NEED FRIENDS WHO L US ENOUGH TO SAY THINGS THAT H

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.  
*Proverbs 27:6*

### JESUS WAS WILLING TO MAKE A S

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?"<sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

*Mark 9:33-35*

### WISDOM IN P AND P

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

<sup>16</sup> But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

<sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

*Matthew 18:15-20*

### TWO EXTREME DANGERS

**1** Make this I \_\_\_\_\_, cruel and harsh

**2** I \_\_\_\_\_ the wisdom of this passage

- *This passage assumes r* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Our relationships need a commitment to h* \_\_\_\_\_ *and o* \_\_\_\_\_
- *S* \_\_\_\_\_ *with the person*
- *Get help from m* \_\_\_\_\_ *people*
- *Understand that some people are not s* \_\_\_\_\_

### NEXT STEPS

*next weekend:*

**The Royal Rejection**

#### **Recommended Reading**

Hurt -- Chap Clark

Search for Significance -- Robert McGee

Living Beyond Yourself -- Beth Moore

So Long, Insecurity: You've Been a Bad Friend to Us -- Beth Moore

Abba's Child -- Brennan Manning

Boundaries -- Henry Cloud & John Townsend

Church Discipline That Heals -- John White, Ken Blue

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