

Message by John Johnson  
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The Consequences of Ignoring Sexual Sin  
1 Corinthians 5

The church in Corinth was an elitist body of believers, full of themselves, with an over-inflated opinion of their knowledge, wisdom, and spirituality. Yet their behavior contradicted everything they said. They actually tolerated sexual sin in their church, a perversion of the most offensive kind.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are there any specifics you recall from the message that were interesting or challenging to you?
2. What was the sin for which Paul chastised the Corinthians for not dealing with?

What, in general, does Paul say about this sin, and the church's weak response to it?

3. With America's emphasis on "tolerance," do you think church leaders today would get as fired up about such a sexual sin as Paul did?
4. Part of Village's vision is to be a community "where failure connects with grace." What is the difference between grace and tolerance?
5. One of Pastor John's main ideas was that "church discipline has a protective side—God's severe mercy can protect a community."

Do you agree with this?

If it is true, then why don't more churches engage in such discipline?