“**When I am Wounded!**”

“Practicing confrontational discipline in the hope of reconciliation.

**Text**: **Matthew 18:15-20**, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. **16**But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. **17**If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. **18**Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **19**Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” **English Standard Version**

*The first step in confrontational discipline requires you to*…

**Point #1**: **Confidentially** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.15**

*The second step in confrontational discipline requires you to*…

**Point #2**: **Call** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.16**

*The third step in confrontational discipline requires you to*…

**Point #3**: **Communicate** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.17A**

*The fourth step in confrontational discipline requires you to*…

**Point #4**: **Cease**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.17B**

*The fifth step in confrontational discipline requires you to*…

**Point #5**: **Confidently** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.18-20**

**Corollary Verses**: Matthew 5:23-24; Galatians 6:1; Deuteronomy 19:15; 1 Timothy 5:19; Proverbs 11:13, 12:23, 20:19; and 1 Corinthians 5:11-13.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Proverbs 11:13**, **12:23**, **20:19;** **1 Timothy 5:13**; and **Matthew 1:19** then answer the following questions. Why is it important to maintain confidentiality when you have an issue with another person that has not yet been revealed to them? What benefits are there to keeping your lips closed and not telling other people? When is it honorable to conceal a matter and when would it be honorable to reveal one?
2. Read **Matthew 5:23-25**; **Ephesians 4:26**, **4:31-32**; and **Hebrews 12:14-15** then answer the following questions. How important is reconciliation to God? If you are in the midst of a conflict with another believer, how should resolving that conflict take priority over other acts of worship? What are the dangers of unresolved conflict and why is it important to resolve conflict quickly?
3. Read **Galatians 6:1**; **Proverbs 15:1**; **Romans 12:18-21** and **2 Timothy 2:24-26** then answer the following questions. What attributes should you possess when you confront another believer who has sinned against you? How would you plan to manifest those attributes? Why is it important to avoid emotional outbursts? How can you control your emotions (see Galatians 5:16-22 and John 15:5)? Have you ever employed Proverbs 15:1? If so, share with your Home Fellowship Group.
4. Read **1 Corinthians 5:1-13**; **Titus 3:10**; and **Matthew 18:17** then answer the following questions. Is there ever a time necessary to remove a person from the fellowship of believers? What is the point of removing such a person? What is the ultimate goal of all church discipline (read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11)?