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LESSON 71: RECONCILIATION AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

***Main Point:** In Christ, God is reconciling people to Himself and entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation, which includes the wide range of acts composing humble, prayerful, and loving church discipline*

I. Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5)

- A. Enemies of God (Romans 11:28; Philippians 3:18; Colossians 1:21; James 4:4; cf. Ephesians 2:15–16)
- B. Reconciled to God through Christ (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:13)
- C. Reconciled to one another in Christ (Ephesians 2:11-22)
- D. Gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 3:4-6)

II. Ministry of Nurture

- Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-20)

- A. The Purpose of Church Discipline (1 Corinthians 5:1-13)
 - 1. To Expose (5:2)
 - 2. To Warn (v.5)
 - 3. To Save (v.5)
 - 4. To Protect (v.6)
 - 5. Present a Good Witness for Jesus (v.1, v.13)

- B. Gospel Framework For Church Discipline (Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 Peter 2:22–25)
 - 1. The Gospel / Transformation (Romans 12:1-2)
 - 2. A Christian / Ambassadors (Deuteronomy 30:6-8; Jeremiah 31; Ezekiel 36:24-27; Ephesians 1)
 - 3. Local Church / Authority (Matthew 18:18-20)
 - 4. Church Membership / Submission

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III. Church Discipline In Practice

- When is it Necessary?
 - A. Expected and Unexpected Sin
 - B. Outward, Serious, Unrepentant (1 Corinthians 5:12; 6:2-5; 1 Peter 4:8)
 - C. Repentance: Increasingly Pure and Increasingly Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:20, 48; 2 Corinthians 7:11)