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<p>1 Corinthians 5</p> <p>Sexual Immorality Defiles the Church</p> <p>1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.</p> <p>3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.[a]</p> <p>6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.</p> <p>9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.</p>			

First Love

Lesson 5

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

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12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church [b] whom you are to judge? 13 God judges [c] those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."			
Footnotes: a: 1 Corinthians 5:5 Some manuscripts add <i>Jesus</i> b: 1 Corinthians 5:12 Greek <i>those inside</i> c: 1 Corinthians 5:13 Or <i>will judge</i>			
Summary: 			

Paul met problems head-on when writing to the Corinthian church community about issues of sin. He used the metaphor "a little yeast that quickly spreads throughout the dough," referring to an individual's sin that touched all in that community. What do you find in the following scriptures to support Christian communities when affected by sin and spiritual pride, both individually as well as collectively?

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right [b] spirit within me.
b. Or *steadfast*

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

II Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

James 1:14-15

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. **15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Space for Grace

Consider one of the following prompts to further reflect upon this lesson, or follow where the Spirit leads.

- Share an experience from your own life about the ripple effect of sin.
- Create a diagram showing how the sin of one person has touched lives of those around them.

Prayer Requests
