

Sermon Scripture Passage: Ezekiel 3:16-23

16 And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: 17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 18 If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. 20 Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. 21 But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

22 And the hand of the Lord was upon me there. And he said to me, “Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you.” 23 So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.

Scripture References:

Galatians 6:1-2 - *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

Matthew 18:15 - *If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.*

2 Corinthians 7:10 - *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death*

The Third G – Gently Engage/ Gently Restore

The Third G is NOT:

Just Confronting someone

Going in a spirit of anger
Or vengeance

Going to score points in
A self-righteous spirit

The Third G IS:

Going with a heart of love for the other person

Going with a goal of a restored relationship

Going to lead them from the cliff edge of sin

Going Gently – in the right manner

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God’s Way of Handling Conflict #5 – Ezekiel 3:16-23 – The Difficult Conversation

The 3rd Peacemaker response is to Gently _____ and Gently _____.

Galatians 6:1 – There are times when the Lord will lead us to _____ sin in others.

Ezekiel 3 – The Lord designates Ezekiel to be a _____ over His People.

Compare to 2 Corinthians 5, where are designated to be agents of _____

3:18 Sinful behavior may seem harmless but can lead to _____ consequences.

3:19 We are not responsible for their _____ but our faithfulness to go talk to them.

3:20 They may be a _____ person who is on the verge of a _____ decision.

Correcting others is an _____ of love, but it _____ be done in love.

Matthew 18 – *Have you ever had someone talk about you to others but never come talk to you?*

How to Gently Engage

Before Going Pray and _____ Relationships

Address the _____ issue Actively _____

Seek _____ from others _____ toward restoration

Two aspects to be addressed: _____ the issue and _____ the relationship.

The Other Side of the Coin: 7 A’s of Making an Effective Apology

A bad apology can be _____ than no apology!

1 - _____ everyone involved 2 – Avoid _____ and _____

3 - _____ specifically 4 – Acknowledge the _____

5 – Accept the _____ 6 - _____ your behavior

7 – Ask for _____

What advantage or help do we have as believers in doing all this?

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Engage and Restore*
- *Correct*
- *Watchman*
- *Reconciliation*
- *Damaging*
- *Response*
- *Decent*
- *Disastrous*
- *Act*
- *Must*
- *Prepare*
- *Affirm*
- *Specific*
- *Listen*
- *Aid*
- *Aim*
- *Resolve*
- *Reconcile*
- *Worse*
- *Address*
- *Ifs and buts*
- *Admit*
- *Hurt*
- *Consequences*
- *Alter*
- *Forgiveness*
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