

GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

COURSE 2: HOLY WRATH – Matthew 18:5-9

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THE SITUATION:

⁵ “And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me.”

Matthew 18:5 (BSB)

⁴⁹ “Master,’ said John, ‘we saw someone driving out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not accompany us.’”

Luke 9:49 (BSB)

- THE DISCIPLES FAIL TO GRASP THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

_____.

⁵⁰ “Do not stop him,’ Jesus replied, ‘for whoever is not against you is for you.’”

Luke 9:50 (BSB)

LESSONS ON SIN AND LEADERSHIP:

⁶ “But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

Matthew 18:6 (BSB)

- LESSON #1: JESUS EXPRESSES _____ AGAINST THOSE WHO _____ OR CREATE _____
FOR “_____.”
 - “LITTLE ONES” = PHYSICAL _____, _____
_____, PEOPLE IN _____
POSITIONS.
- LESSON #2: WE ARE _____ THAN CAUSING OTHERS TO _____.
 - WE CAN CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE...
 - THROUGH _____

¹² “She grabbed Joseph by his cloak and said, “Sleep with me!”

Genesis 39:12 (BSB)

- THROUGH _____

²⁰ "But I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads My servants to be sexually immoral and to eat food sacrificed to idols." Revelation 2:20 (BSB)

▪ **THROUGH A _____**

⁹ "You have done more evil than all who came before you. You have proceeded to make for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me, and you have flung Me behind your back." 1 Kings 14:9 (BSB)

▪ **THROUGH _____ WHAT IS _____.**

¹⁷ "Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin." James 4:17 (BSB)

▪ **BY _____**

⁷ "Woe to the world for the causes of sin. These stumbling blocks must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!" Matthew 18:7 (BSB)

⁸ "If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to have two hands and two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell."

Matthew 18:8-9 (BSB)

- **LESSON #3: LEADERSHIP IN _____ AND _____ REQUIRES A
_____ FOR, AND _____ OF, SIN.**

BOTTOM LINE:

**WE NEED TO _____ ON _____ BEFORE IT'S USED
ON _____.**

NEXT STEPS

- **IS GNG FOR ME**
 - Immediately after 2nd service today. Free food, fun conversation. Come and learn more about who we are as a church, and why we do what we do at GNG.
- **ASK THE TOUGH QUESTION:**
 - What is one sin that needs you to exercise some "Holy Wrath?"