



**January 28, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell**  
**2 Corinthians 2:5-13 | “Operation Restoration”**

### **Scripture Reading**

2 Corinthians 2:5–13  
2 Corinthians 7:5–16  
1 Corinthians 5:9–13  
Hebrews 12:5–11  
Matthew 18:15–35  
Ephesians 4:26–27, 32  
Luke 15:18–24

### **Study Questions**

1. Why is church discipline important to those who have sinned? How is reproof a demonstration of deep love and commitment? In what specific ways does church leadership fail offenders who are not properly disciplined? What negative effects can result from resistance to discipline?
2. How have you seen discipline work well in a local church? What did the restoration process look like? Why is such correction necessary for continued growth? What does “tough love” mean to you? Read Hebrews 12:5–11. What sins call for loving confrontation?
3. What does it look like for a disciplined member to demonstrate true repentance? What is the fundamental motivation for Christians to forgive others? Read Matthew 6:14–15 and Colossians 3:13. How can CBC cultivate a “culture of forgiveness”? Who are the people you have been unwilling to forgive? What steps can you take to be at peace with all people (Romans 12:18)?
4. How has a lack of forgiveness given Satan an “advantage” in your life (2:11)? What specific ways is Satan at work at CBC? How can we combat him? Read Ephesians 6:10–20.
5. Why is it so important to be open about your feelings (2:12–13)? In what ways do you seek God’s guidance in your choice of the place where you ought to be? What motives govern your choices of travel and place? How should you provide care for those under your sphere of responsibility?

### **Recommended Reading**

John S. Hammett & Benjamin L. Merkle ed., *Those Who Must Give an Account: A Study of Church Membership and Church Discipline* (B&H Academic, 2012)  
Eric J. Bargerhuff, *Love That Rescues: God’s Fatherly Love in the Practice of Church Discipline* (Wipf & Stock, 2010)  
Jonathan Leeman, *Church Discipline: How the Church Protects the Name of Jesus* (Crossway, 2012)  
Robert K. Cheong, *God Redeeming His Bride: A Handbook for Church Discipline* (Christian Focus, 2012)  
Jeremy M. Kimble, *40 Questions About Church Membership and Discipline* (Kregel Academic, 2017)