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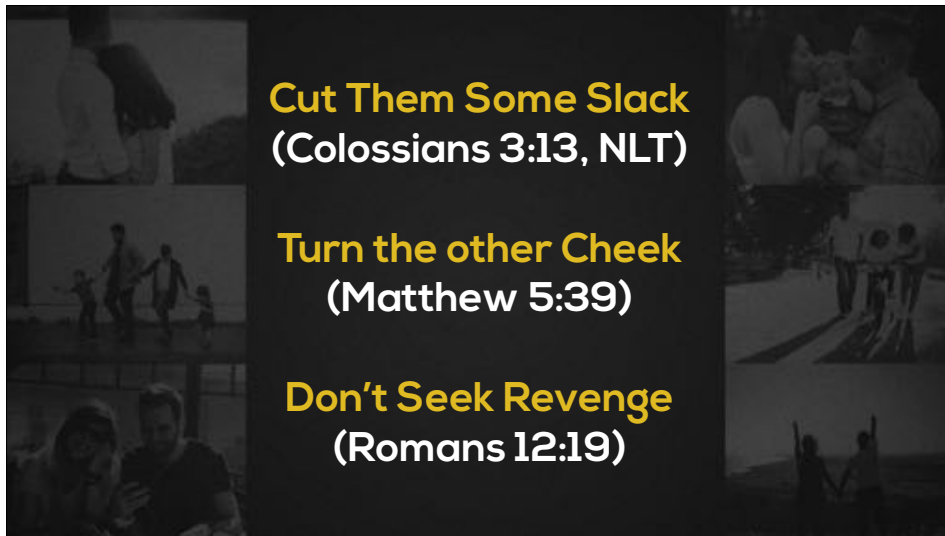
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Cut Them Some Slack
(Colossians 3:13, NLT)

Turn the other Cheek
(Matthew 5:39)

Don't Seek Revenge
(Romans 12:19)

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YOU DON'T HAVE
TO ATTEND
EVERY ARGUMENT
YOU'RE INVITED TO

Better to have self-control than to conquer a city.
Proverbs 16:32

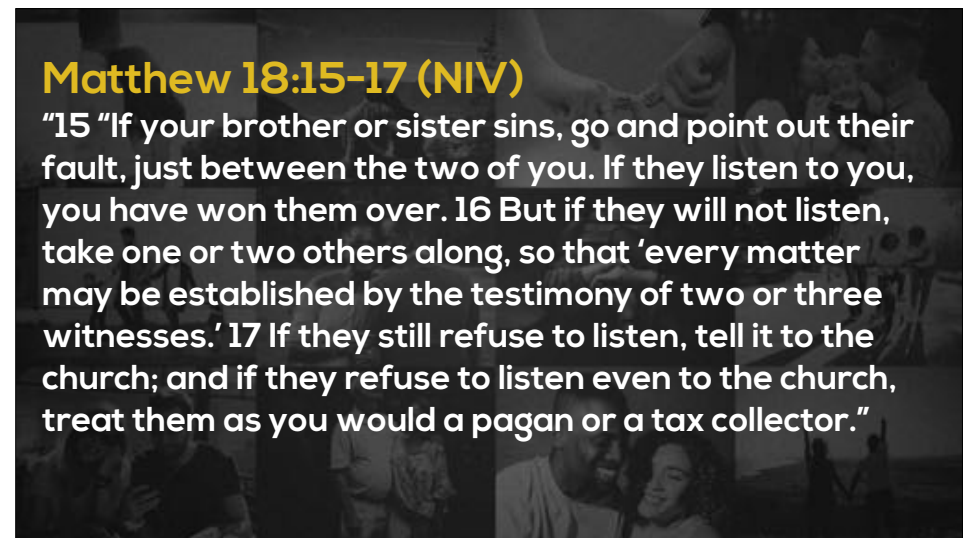
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**"Conflict is inevitable,
but combat is optional."**

Max Lucado, *When God Whispers Your Name*

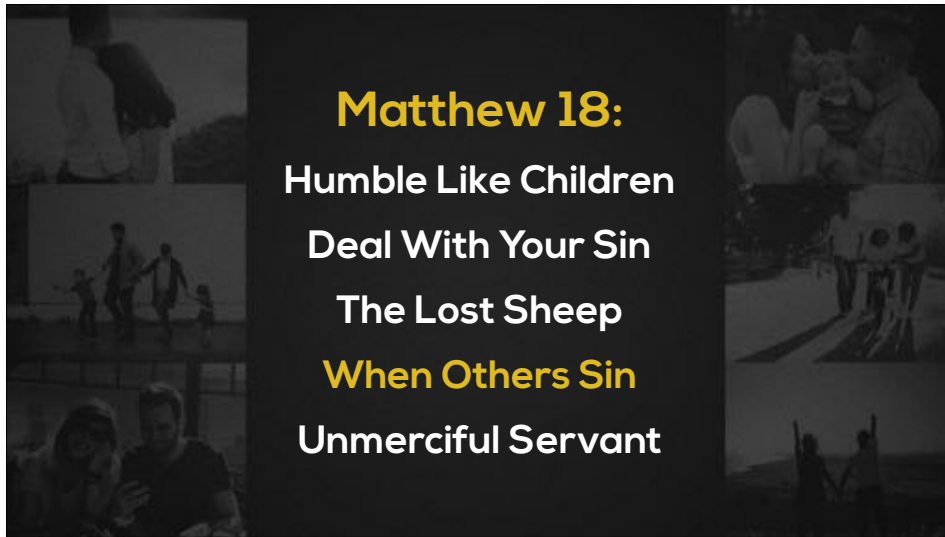
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Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

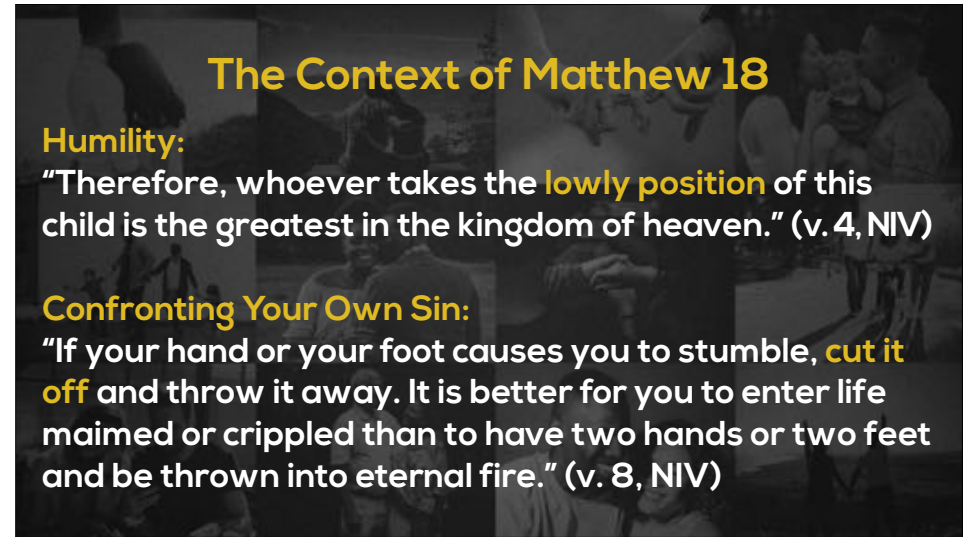
"15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

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Matthew 18:
Humble Like Children
Deal With Your Sin
The Lost Sheep
When Others Sin
Unmerciful Servant

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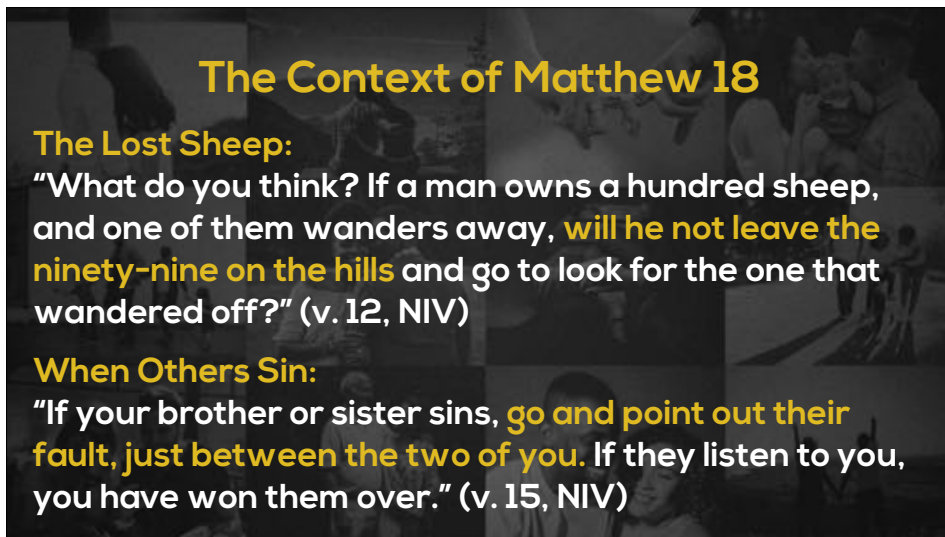


The Context of Matthew 18

Humility:
"Therefore, whoever takes the **lowly position** of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (v. 4, NIV)

Confronting Your Own Sin:
"If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, **cut it off** and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire." (v. 8, NIV)

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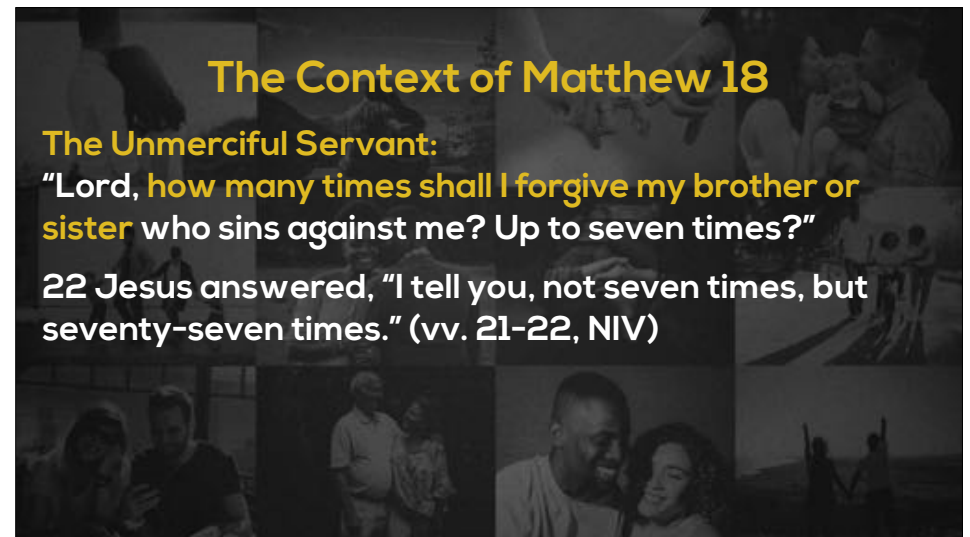


The Context of Matthew 18

The Lost Sheep:
"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, **will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills** and go to look for the one that wandered off?" (v. 12, NIV)

When Others Sin:
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The Context of Matthew 18

The Unmerciful Servant:
"Lord, **how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister** who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." (vv. 21-22, NIV)

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Matthew 18:15-17

1. Speak to them in private.
2. Involve others only when necessary.
3. Widen the circle as a last resort.
4. Set healthy boundaries if/when the process fails.



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THE MINGLING of SOULS



God's design for love, marriage, sex, and redemption

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Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

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**Application: Commit to Handling
Conflict in a **Christlike Way.****