Our War on Sin

Matthew 18:7-9; 15-20

A War Fought on Two Fronts:

We live in a world at war with our faith. Temptations lure us toward sin, and the sins of others wound us deeply. Yet, Christ calls us to fight—not with anger or worldly weapons, but with the transformative power of the gospel.

This war is fought on two fronts: the internal battle against our own temptations and the relational battle when others sin against us. Jesus equips us for both in Matthew 18, calling us to radical action and redemptive confrontation.

Sins I'm Tempted With

Matthew 18:7-9

The Reality: Temptation is _____, but not _____

The Challenge: Living a consistently _____

The Aim: _____ for the sake of _____ from sin's grip

Action that:

- *Is _____ (not leaving room for sin to re-emerge)*
- *Is _____ (recognizing the reality of judgment and eternity)*
- *Is _____ (that we are truly born again)*

Sins Against Me

Matthew 18:15-20

The Reality: _____ is inevitable, but _____ is optional

The Challenge: Preventing _____ and promoting _____ when sinned against.

The Aim: _____ for the sake of _____ and _____

Biblical confrontation:

- *First, go _____ ... Approach the offender one-on-one to "gain your brother" (v. 15).*
- *Then, go _____... Involve corroborating witnesses if needed to establish truth (v. 16; Deut. 19:15).*
- *Finally, go to _____ ... Engage the church for unrepentant sin, treating the offender as an outsider in need of grace (v. 17; cf. 1 Cor. 5:1–5).*

Conclusion: Winning on Both Fronts

Personally ... Increasingly gaining _____ (?)

Relationally ... Increasingly becoming _____

This week ...

Every day ...

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