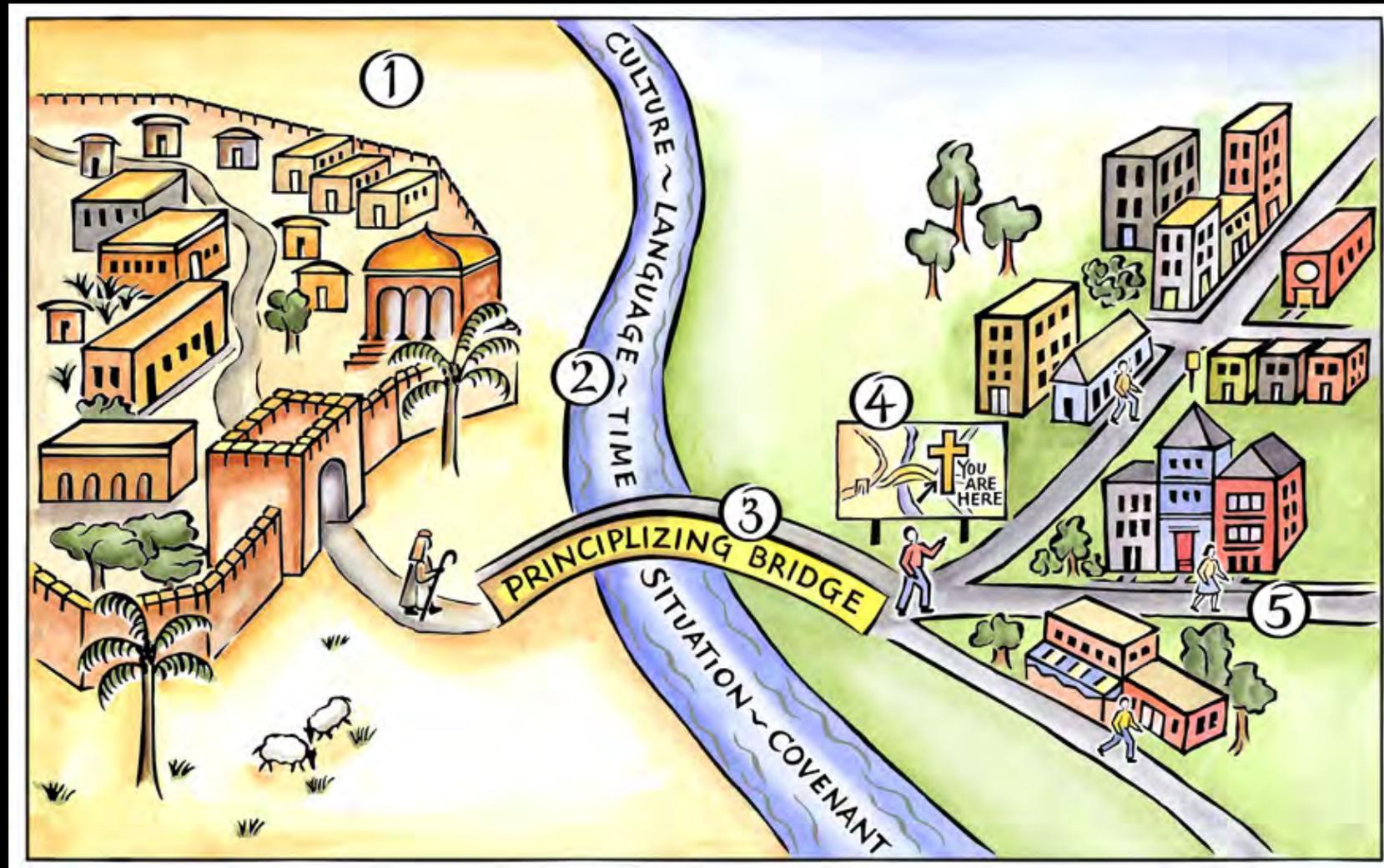


# Interpretation Summary

# Basics of the Journey

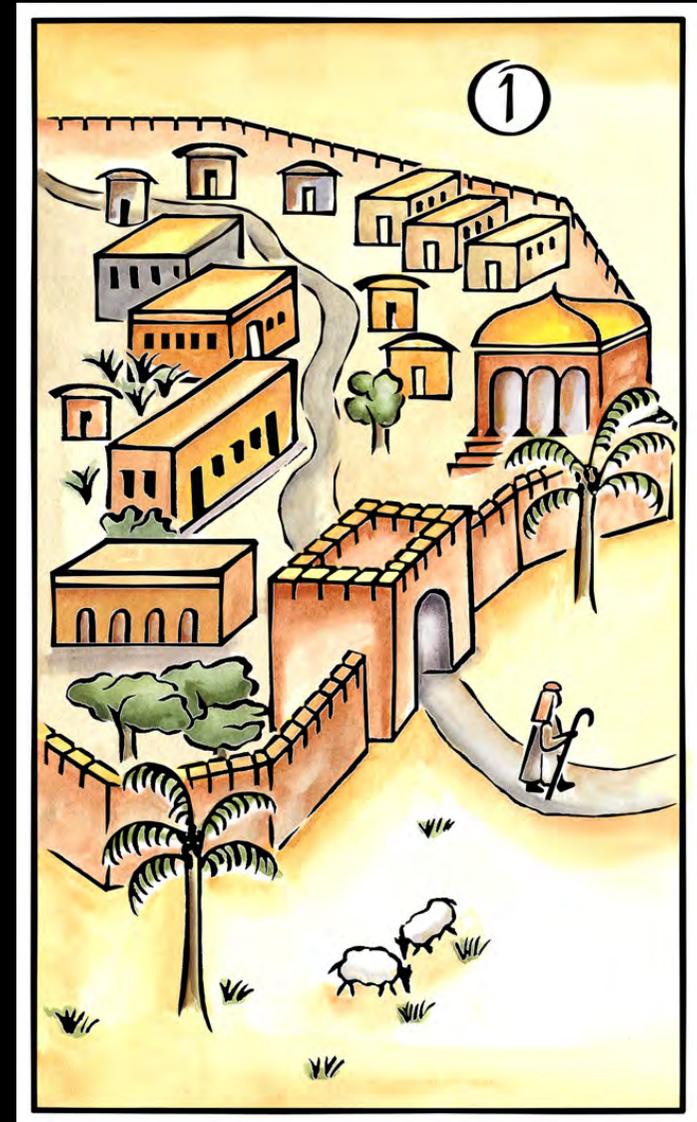


Duvall & Hays, *Grasping God's Word*

# Basics of the Journey

## Step 1: Grasping the Text in Their Town

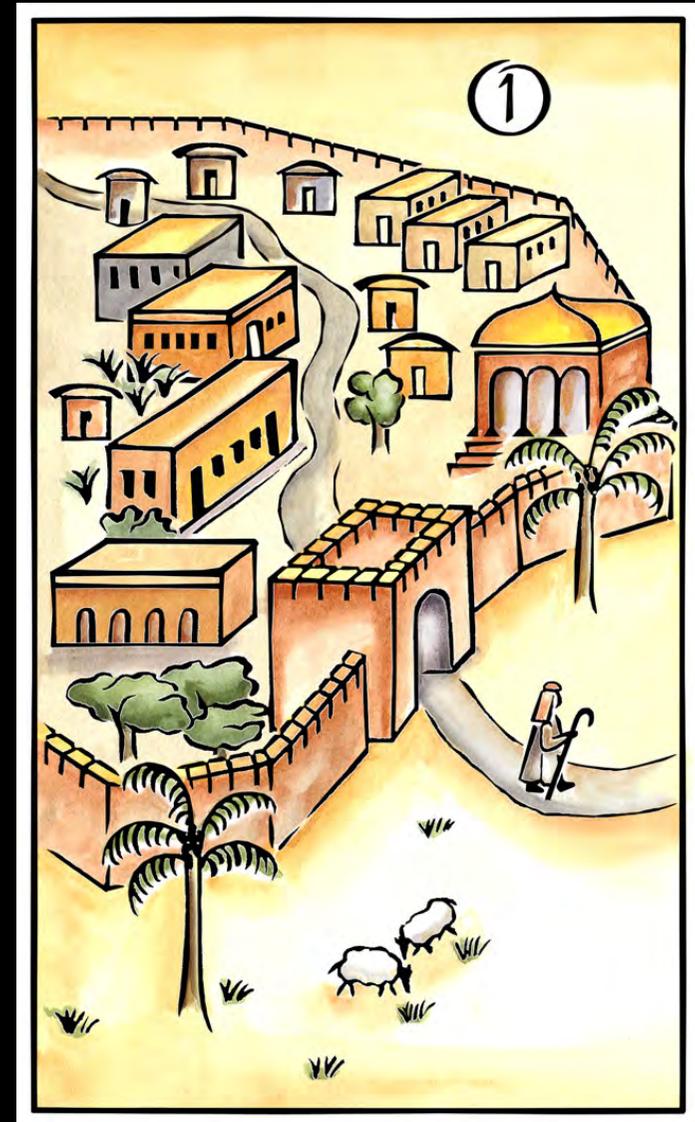
*Question: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?*



# Basics of the Journey

## Step 1 Their Town:

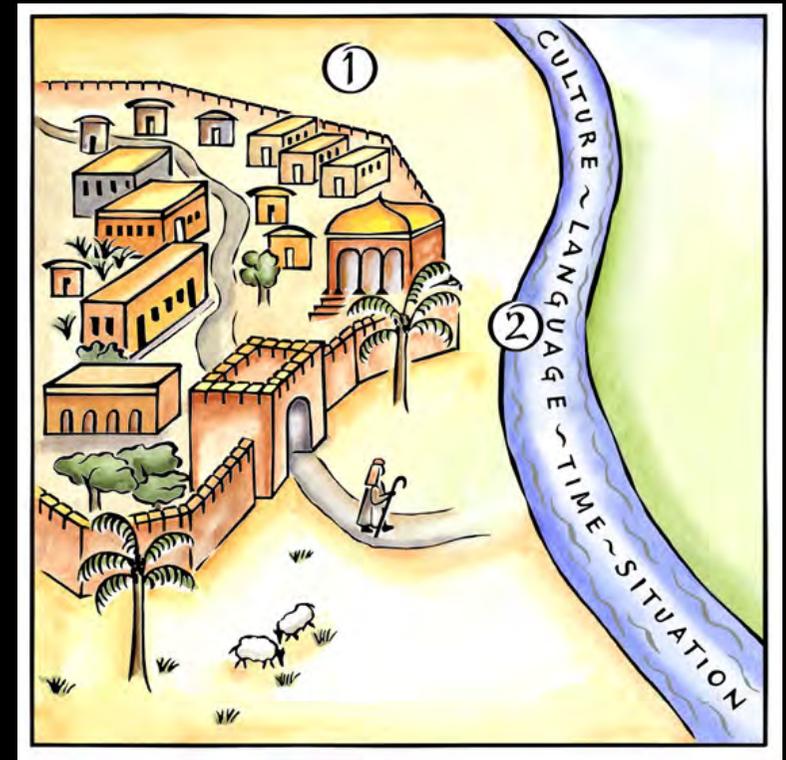
- *Read the text carefully and make **observations**.*
- *Study the historical and literary **context**.*
- *Synthesize the meaning of the passage for the biblical audience.*



# Basics of the Journey

## Step 2: Measuring the Width of the River to Cross

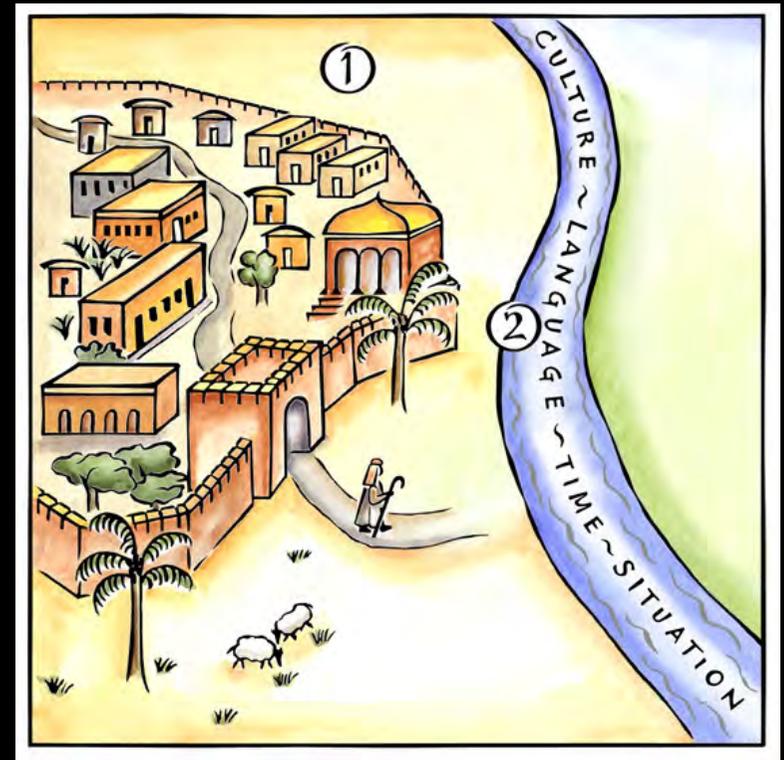
*Question: What are the **differences** between the biblical audience and us?*



# Basics of the Journey

## Step 2 River Measurement:

- Account for **common differences**: culture, language situation, time and covenant.
- Focus on the **unique differences** found in a specific text.
- If you are studying an Old Testament passage, you must account for the **life and work of Jesus Christ**.



# How to Restore Relationships



*Matthew 18:15-20*  
*Exegetical Outline*

# Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother sins against you, go and point out the fault, **just between the two** of you. If he listens, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, go with one or two others, so that the matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to the **church**; and if he refuses to listen even to the **church**, treat him as you would a **pagan or a tax collector**. <sup>18</sup>I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, I tell you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them and will restore to them their sins.

**How to  
Restore  
15-17**

**Why to  
Restore  
18-20**

I. (15-17) The **manner** in which the church should correctly restore a sinning Christian is by keeping the matter as private as possible.



- A. (15) A private sin should be dealt with only **between those directly involved** so as to make restoration of the offender easier.
- B. (16) Unrepentant sin after a private confrontation should be exposed only to **one or two more persons** in order to facilitate restoring the sinner.
- C. (17a) Unrepentant sin after a small group attempt at restoration should be brought before the entire **church body** as a deterrent to continued sin.
- D. (17b) Unrepentant sin after exposure to the church should result in requiring each church member to **relate to the sinner as an unbeliever** (this includes removal from membership).

II. (18-20) The **reason** the church can restore or excommunicate errant believers is because it extends the authority of God Himself.



A. (18-19) Churches that prayerfully restore or excommunicate sinful believers act in the place of the **Father**.

1. (18) The church must announce guilt or innocence based upon what God has already determined.
2. (19) Church leaders who prayerfully make a judgment can have confidence that they have acted according to God's will.

B. (20) Churches that restore or seek to restore sinful believers act in the presence of **Jesus Christ**.



Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because it extends God's authority.



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- II. (18-20) The **reason** the church can restore or continue to seek to restore errant believers is because it extends the authority of God Himself.

**Matthew 18:15-20**

# Converting the FO to the HO

## Passage Outline

## Sermon Outline

EI: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because it extends God's authority.

I. (15-17) The **manner** in which the church should correctly restore a sinning Christian is by keeping the matter as private as possible.

II. (18-20) The **reason** the church can restore or excommunicate errant believers is because it extends the authority of God Himself.

Intro MPI: **How** do you restore sinning Christians God's way?

I. Keep the matter as private as possible (15-17).

(**Why** can we restore or excommunicate members?)

II. Our church extends the authority of God Himself (18-20)!

MI: We must restore sinning members properly **because** we act on God's behalf

Cyclical Inductive

# *Our First Question Today (for vv. 15-17)*

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*How do we  
**restore** sinning  
Christians  
properly?*

**Don't blab the  
problem.**

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**I. Keep the  
matter as  
private as  
possible (15-  
17).**

**Our Goal:**

**Restoration!**

# God's 4-step restoring process...



...reveals the issue to  
more people each step



***Our 2<sup>nd</sup> question is answered in  
verses 18-20:***

***Why*** do we restore sinning  
Christians properly?

**Why** do we restore sinning  
Christians properly?

We extend God's  
**authority**

II. Our church  
extends the  
authority of God  
Himself!



# Matthew 18:19

"Again, I tell you that if **two of you** on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven" (NIV).

# Why discipline?

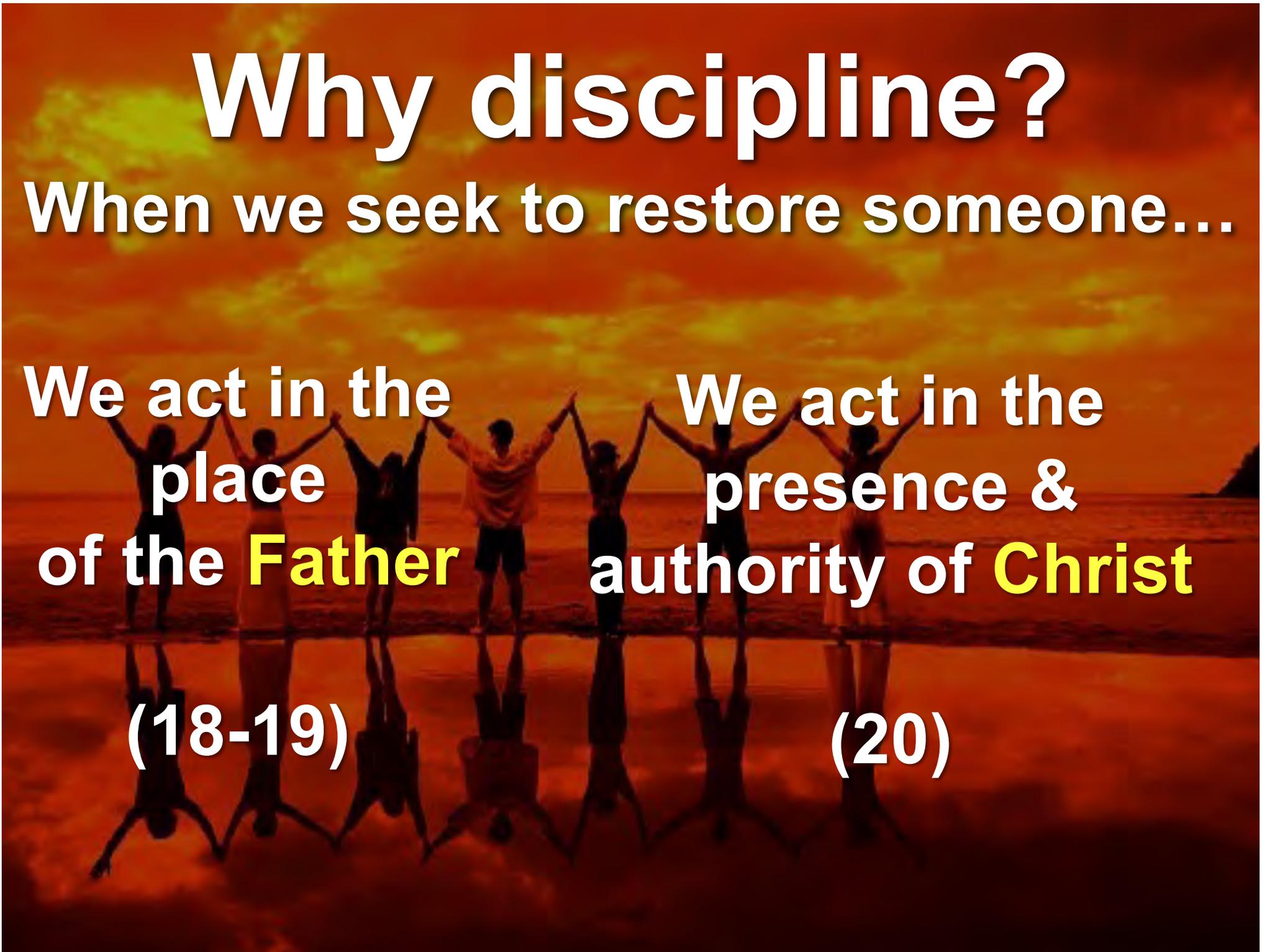
When we seek to restore someone...

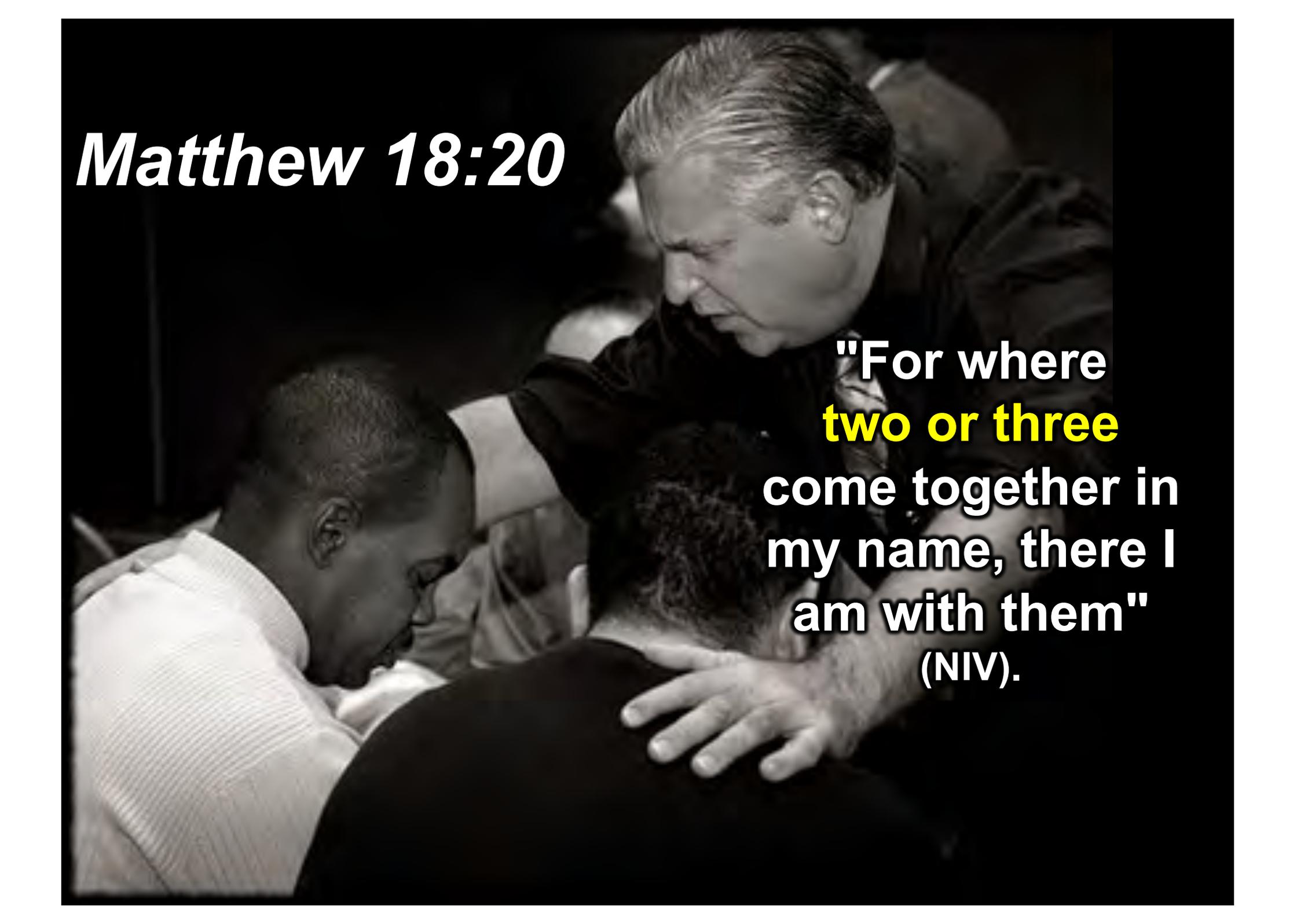
We act in the  
place  
of the **Father**

(18-19)

We act in the  
presence &  
authority of **Christ**

(20)





***Matthew 18:20***

**"For where  
two or three  
come together in  
my name, there I  
am with them"  
(NIV).**

Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because this restoration is carried out as an extension of God's authority.

Main Idea:



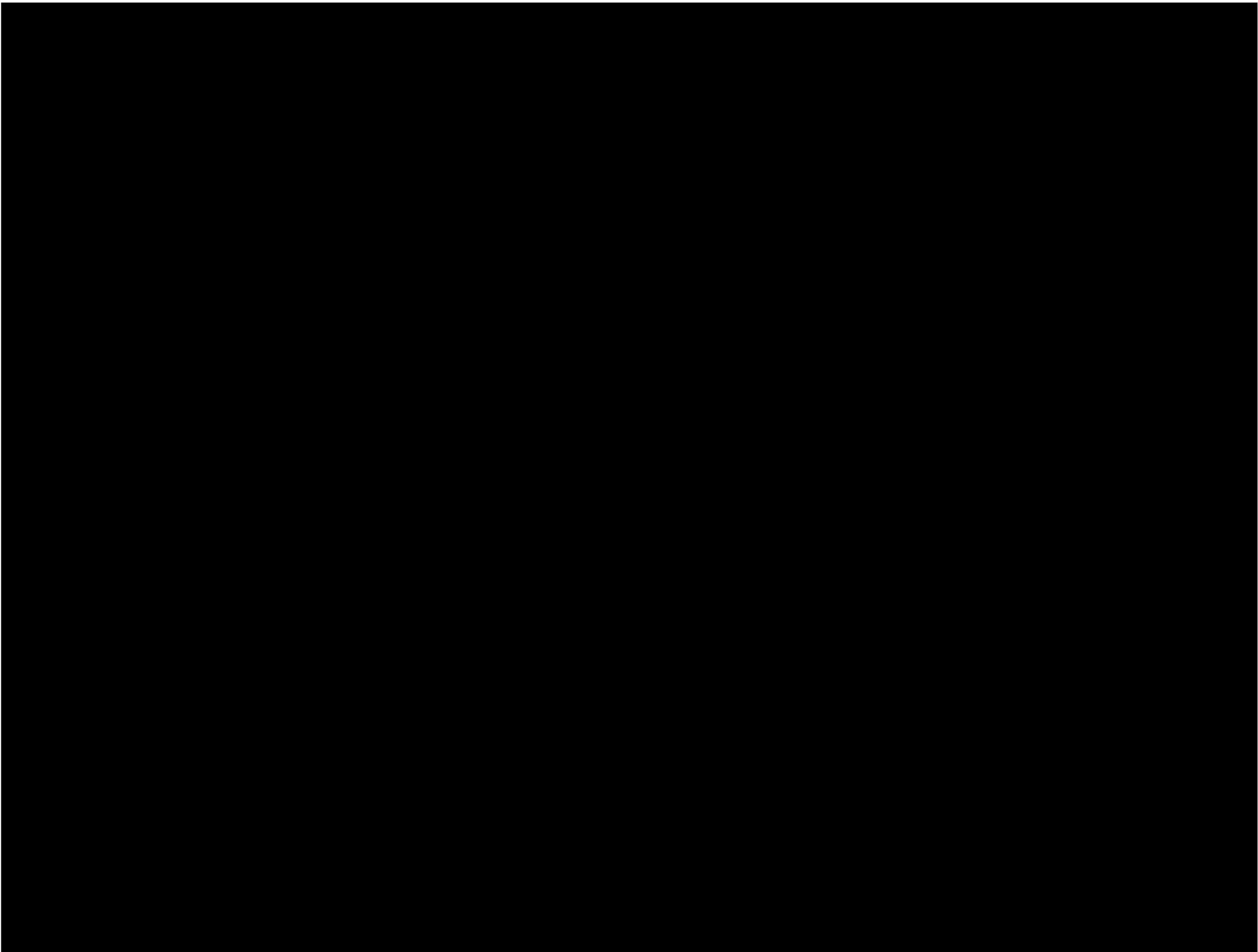
**Restore sinners  
because you act for God**

We restore sinning members properly **because** we act on God's behalf

# *Proverbs 30:18-20* (NIV)

**"There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand:"**





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