



Unified and Unstoppable

Acts: The Sequel
Week #8

Truth/Question

We are theologically
unified.



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We are theologically
unified.

Will we be practically
unified?



A low-angle photograph of a clock tower with a large, bright circular light effect in the foreground. The clock tower is white with dark trim around the clock face and the top of the tower. The clock face is visible in the lower left corner. The text "one in heart and mind" is written in a brown, serif font across the top of the image. The text "Souls knit together" is written in a black, handwritten font in the center of the image.

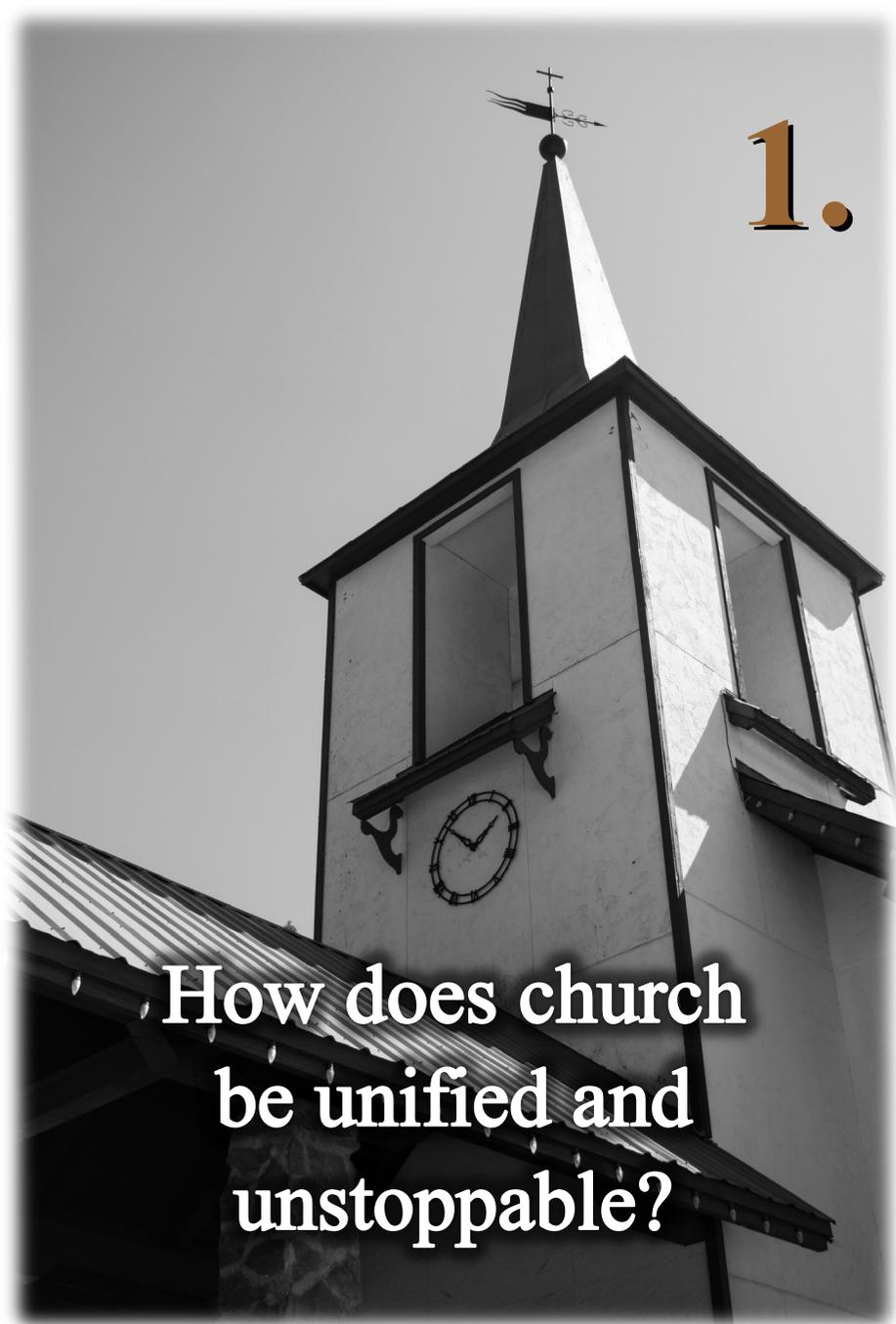
“one in heart and mind”

Souls knit
together

Knit Together but Different

“⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



How does church
be unified and
unstoppable?

1. We practice self-sacrifice.

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. **No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.**”

Acts 4:32

Lifestyle of Self-Sacrifice

- We are committed
to meeting needs.



Mega Generous

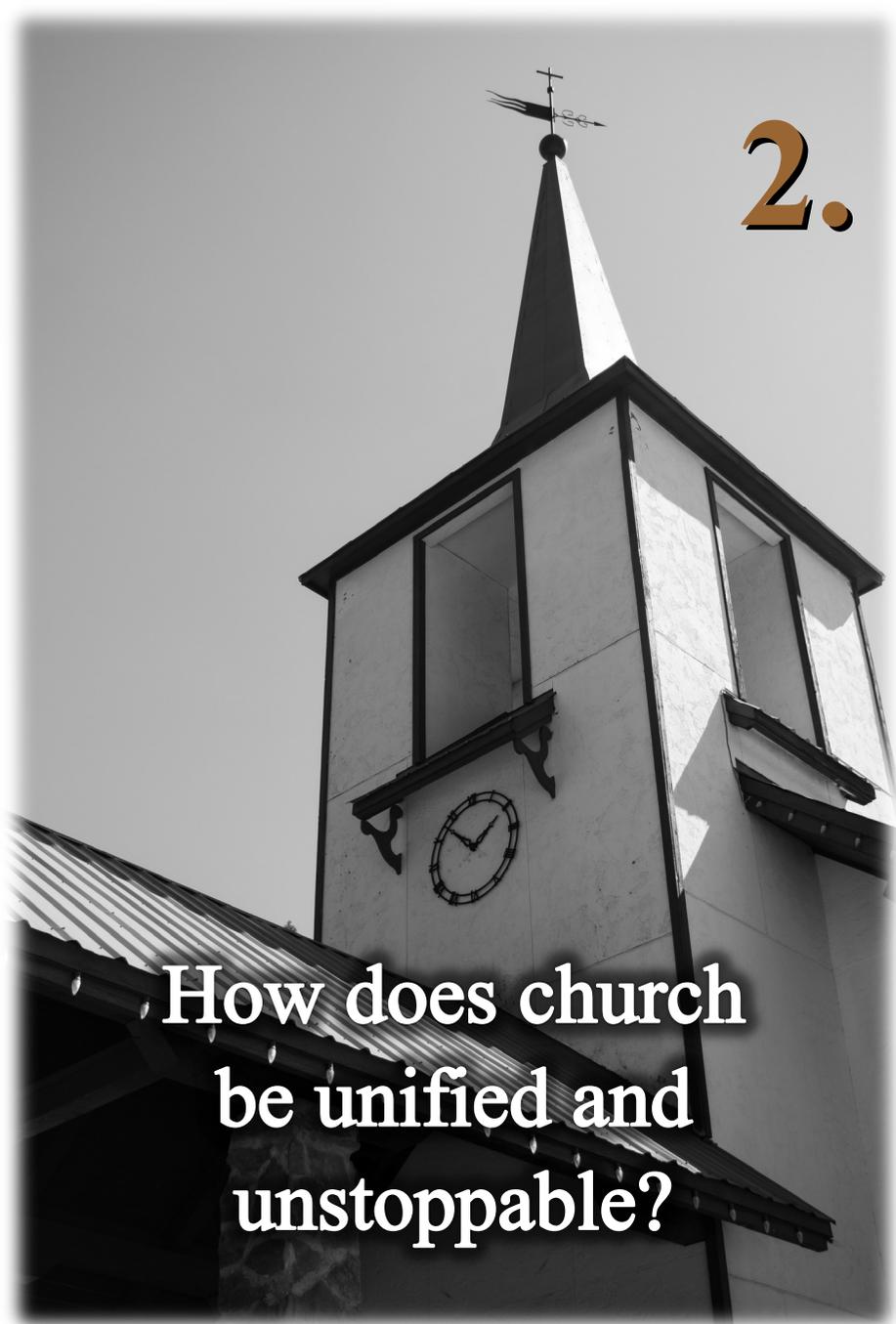
“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.”

2 Corinthians 8:3-5

Lifestyle of Self-Sacrifice

- We are committed to meeting needs.
- We have examples to lead the way.





How does church
be unified and
unstoppable?

2. We practice honesty.

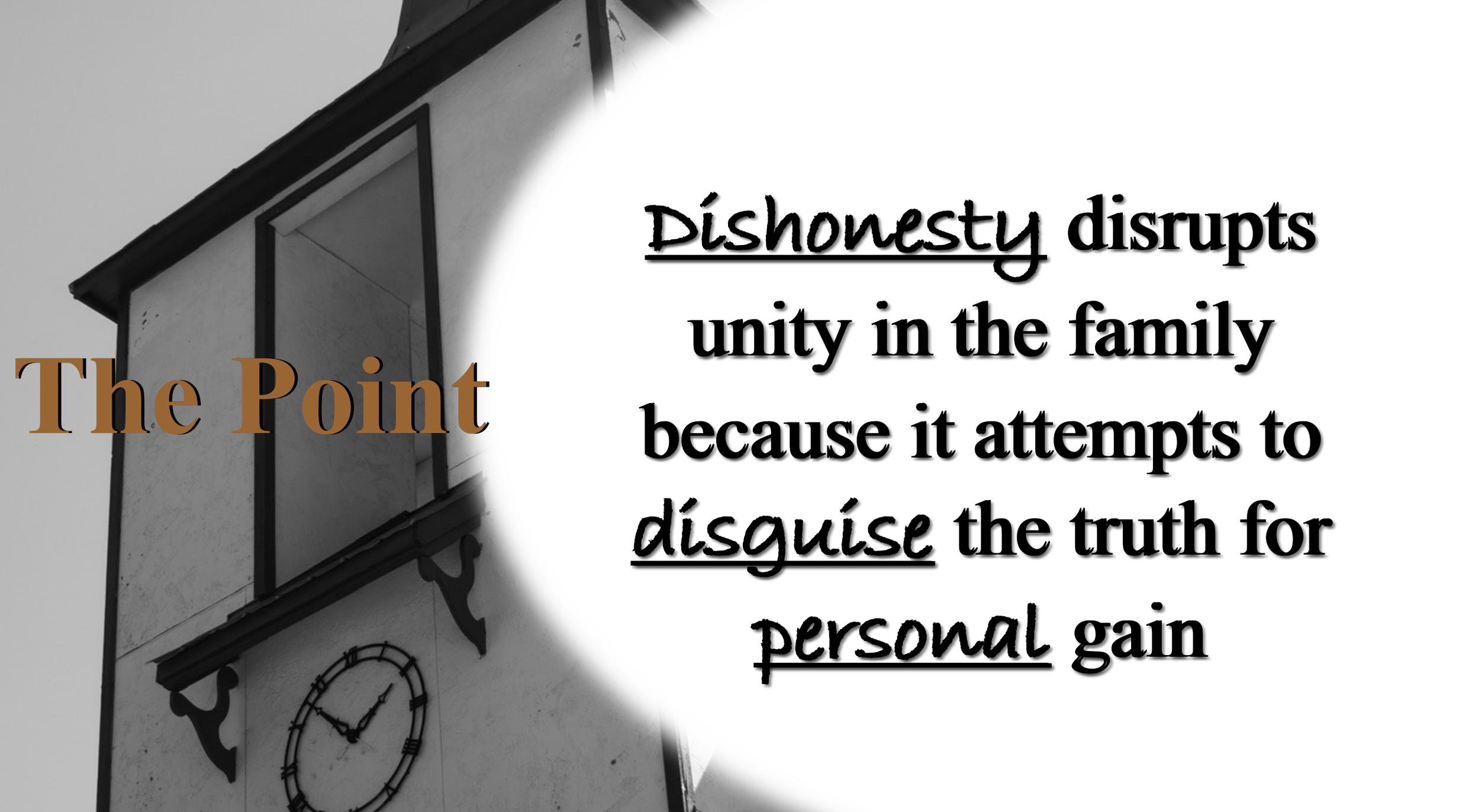
“Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that **you have lied to the Holy Spirit** and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?’”

Acts 5:3

Being Honest with Each Other

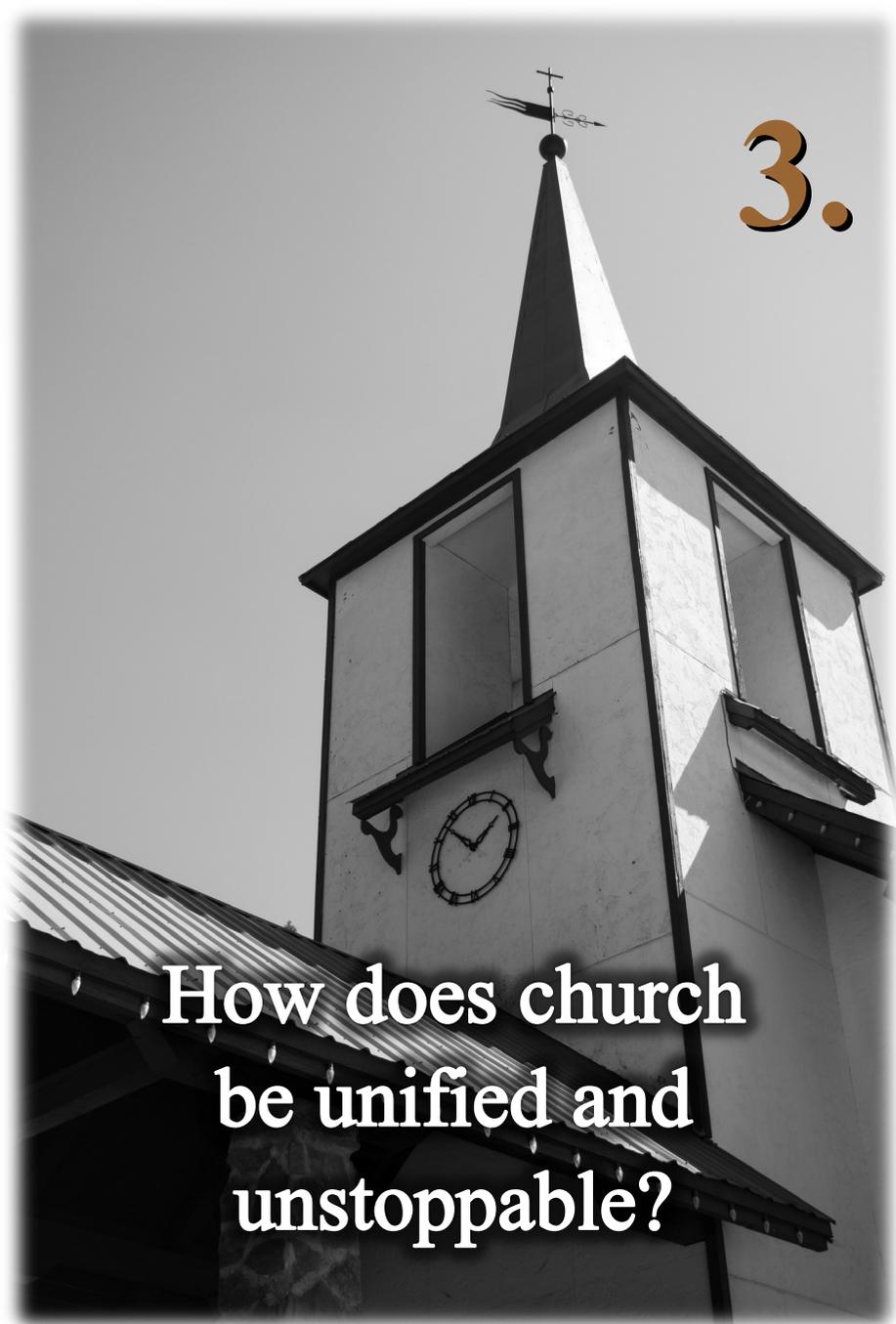
“Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”

Ephesians 4:25



The Point

Dishonesty disrupts
unity in the family
because it attempts to
disguise the truth for
personal gain



How does church
be unified and
unstoppable?

3. We practice discipline.

“⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.”

Acts 5:5-6

Church Discipline

“¹⁵If a brother or sister sins, go and point out the fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But 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.’”

Matthew 18:15-20

Church Discipline

“¹⁷If 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.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 18:15-20

Church Discipline

“¹⁹Again, truly 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.

²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:15-20

Church Discipline

- It is specific



Church Discipline

- It is *specific*
- It is *appropriate*



Church Discipline

- It is *specific*
- It is *appropriate*
- It can *escalate*



Church Discipline

- It is *specific*
- It is *appropriate*
- It can *escalate*
- It requires *wisdom*





How does church
be unified and
unstoppable?

4. We practice keeping God first.

“⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And **great fear** seized all who heard what had happened....¹¹ **Great fear** seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.”

Acts 5:5, 11