

Week of February 16, 2025 - Why Not Rather be Wronged? Small Group Lesson 15

Connect

Share a time you felt you were wronged or cheated. How did you react? Did you need to speak to a person of authority or did you resolve it yourself? What was the outcome?

Verses - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 (CSB)

Read aloud:

1 If any of you has a dispute against another, how dare you take it to court
before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Or don't you know that
the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you
unworthy to judge the trivial cases? 3 Don't you know that we will judge
angels — how much more matters of this life? 4 So if you have such matters,
do you appoint as your judges those who have no standing in the church? 5 I
say this to your shame! Can it be that there is not one wise person among you
who is able to arbitrate between fellow believers? 6 Instead, brother goes to
court against brother, and that before unbelievers! 7 As it is, to have legal
disputes against one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be
wronged? Why not rather be cheated? 8 Instead, you yourselves do wrong and
cheat — and you do this to brothers and sisters! 9 Don't you know that the
unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually
immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, 10 no
thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will
inherit God's kingdom. 11 And some of you used to be like this. But you were
washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus
Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What kind of issue was causing conflict among the Corinthian Christians?

2. Why does Paul criticize the Corinthians for taking their legal disputes to the "unrighteous" (v.1)? What did he mean by this?

3. What does Paul mean when he says having legal disputes is already a "defeat"? What other methods does he suggest (v.7)?

4. How is vv.9-10 connected to v.1? What does this list of the activity of the unrighteous have to do with the unity and integrity of the church (v.8)?

Share

Discuss this from this week's message:
In the message, Pastor Takeshi talks about repeatedly training specific moves for football. How does this example relate to the idea of Christians growing in Christlikeness? What would be considered a good handling of such situations?

Discuss 2:
Paul suggests it's better to be wronged or cheated than to engage in legal battles with fellow believers. How practical is this advice in today's world? Where do you see it being applicable, and where might it be challenging?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.