

NEXT WEEK:  
*“Following  
Christ in  
Iran”*

The Testimony  
of a Muslim-  
Background  
Believer



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## Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis for April 04, 2023



“Whenever Jesus encountered people who were engaged in sin, Jesus showed love. He loved people *into* obedience.

Why? Because *it's God's kindness that leads to repentance, not our repentance that leads to God's kindness.*” (Sprinkle)

## Luke 6:39-40

39 He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

## Luke 6:41-42

41 “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”





“Love the sinner, hate your own sin, and let’s pursue Jesus together as broken people in need of grace.”  
(Sprinkle)

*“Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” (Genesis 4:6-7)*



## Luke 17:1-2

1 And he said to his disciples,  
“Temptations to sin are sure to come, but  
woe to the one through whom they come!  
2 It would be better for him if a millstone  
were hung around his neck and he were  
cast into the sea than that he should cause  
one of these little ones to sin.”

## Luke 17:3-4

3 “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

*Epitimaō* (Greek)

1) to accord honor

2) to assign blame

= to rebuke, reprove, reprimand

## Galatians 6:1-4

1 Brothers and sisters, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work...



## Jude 21-23

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

“The expectation is that Jesus’ disciples, who are not blind to their own faults, deal with their brothers and sisters with the same love and hope that Jesus deals with them. Persons should not expect to receive from God what they are not prepared to bestow on others.” (Garland)

## Luke 6:43-44

43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.”

## Luke 6:45

45 “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”



## Luke 6:46

46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

# Love the sinner.

- What sinner in your life is God calling you to love? Find one name.
- How will you practically demonstrate God's gracious love to them this week?

# Hate your own sin.

- What sin in your life are you not taking serious enough? Name your sin.
- Fight your sin. What way of escape has the Lord already provided?
- Trust your Savior. Which of God's promises are you reject as you indulge in that vice?

# Pursue Jesus together as broken people in need of grace.

- How will you begin to live this out in community?
- Where are you finding that safe, spiritual community?