

Message Notes

Dirty Jobs: The power of forgiveness

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Breaking up is hard to do...”

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2 Corinthians 2:5-11

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of relational conflict.
2 Corinthians 2:5

2. Sin always has consequences.
2 Corinthians 2:6

1 Corinthians 4:18-21

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

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Gospel Application – “Forgive one another”

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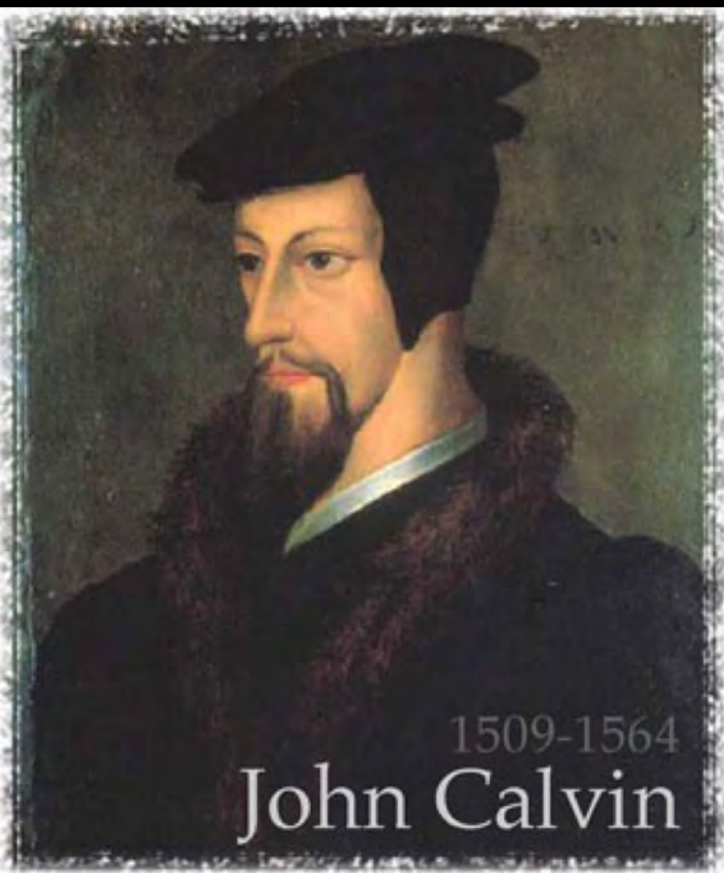
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“Severity is required in order that wicked men may not be made more bold by being allowed to go unpunished — for this is rightly said to be an enticement to sin. But on the other hand there is a danger that a man who is disciplined will fall into despair so that the Church must practice moderation and be ready to pardon anyone as soon as it is sure that he has sincerely repented.”

~ John Calvin, *The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians*, page 29.



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Getting Involved in Gospel Community

“The issue of church discipline is a difficult one, and the danger is that we will go to one extreme or the other. On the one hand, we may not want to do anything when someone is guilty of an offense that brings disgrace upon or disrupts the community. We will bury our heads in the sand and hope that all the unpleasantness will soon go away. Or we may try to substitute cheap grace for real grace by letting bygones be bygones without signs of genuine repentance...

“On the other hand, we may be tempted to go too far in discipline so that it becomes destructive rather than constructive. We may try to turn the one who is condemned into a scapegoat and inappropriately cover up our own hidden sins by taking out our anger on this victim. Hughes correctly recognizes that it is “no less a scandal” to ban a penitent sinner forever from the redeemed and reconciled community as it is to wink at flagrant wickedness.”

~ Garland, D. E. (2001). *Vol. 29: 2 Corinthians*. The New American Commentary (128). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

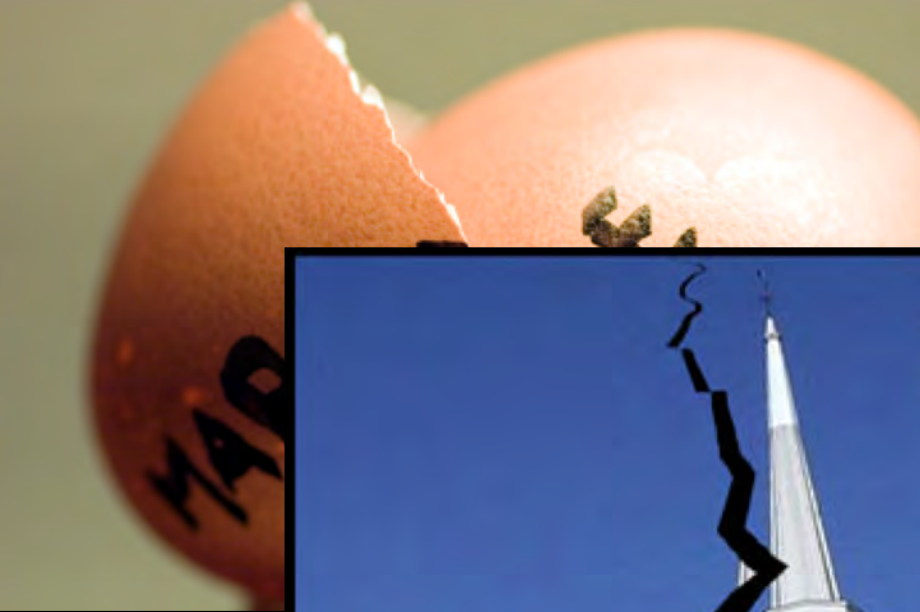
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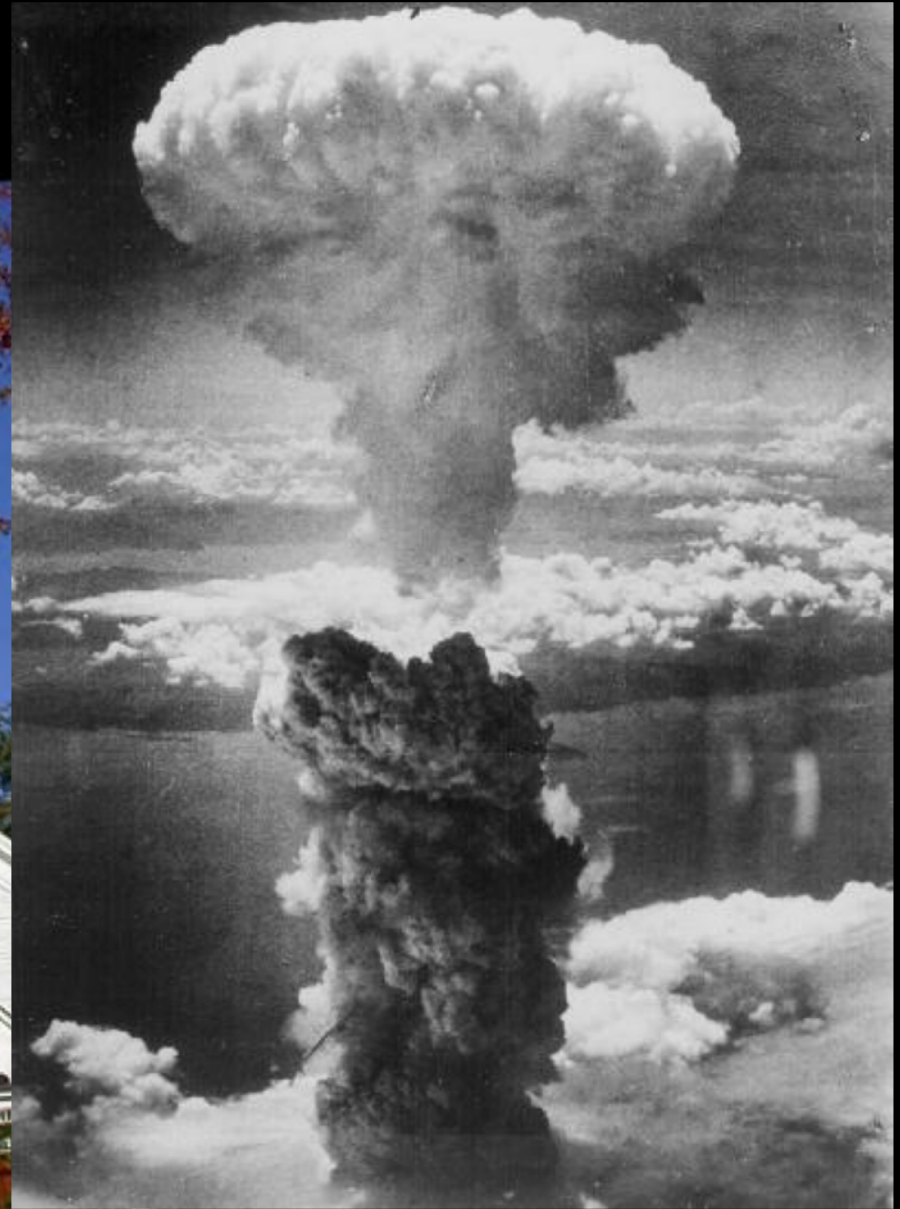
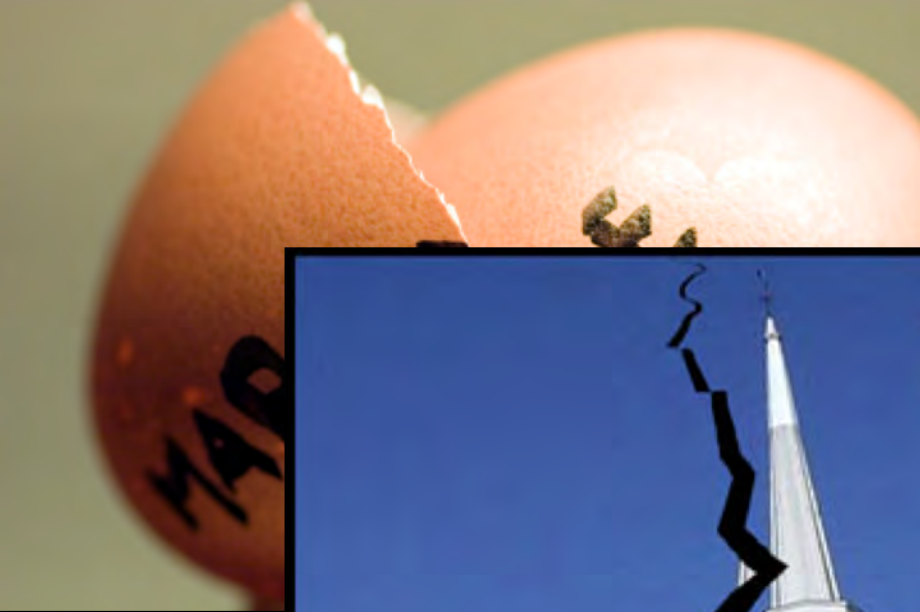
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