

# Message Notes

## Calling out True Repentance

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – “Three Covenants, a Legacy and a Baton”

### Today's Message:

Calling out True Repentance  
The Costs and Rewards of Leading  
People Spiritually

1. You will be deeply hurt  
2 Corinthians 7:2-4
2. You will go through deep highs and lows  
2 Corinthians 7:5-7
3. You have to regrettably punch them in the gut  
2 Corinthians 7:8
4. You need to check their gut punch response  
2 Corinthians 7:9-11  
  
Worldly Sorrow  
  
Godly Sorrow
5. You have to have the right motive and goal in punching them in the gut  
2 Corinthians 7:12
6. The reward: Seeing people thrive in their walk with Jesus, even though they are still messy!!  
2 Corinthians 7:13-16

Gospel Application – “Do you need godly sorrow leading to repentance?”

Is there someone God is calling you to rebuke?”

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**Jude 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.



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**Ephesians 3:2-6**

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.



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**Psalm 78:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old — <sup>3</sup>what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.





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<sup>5</sup>He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, <sup>6</sup>so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup>Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. <sup>8</sup>They would not be like their forefathers – a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.



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## 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. <sup>12</sup>We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. <sup>13</sup>As a fair exchange – I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts also.

## 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God...

How does the church involve itself with those outside the church?

# *1. Seclusion*





How does the church involve itself with those outside the church?

## 2. *Separation*



REJECTION

It starts from an early age. Get used to it!

How does the church involve itself with those outside the church?

3. *Grin and Bear it!*

*“IN but not OF”*



How does the church involve itself with those outside the church?

## 4. *Syncretism*



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*5. Transformational  
Engagement*

**engage**

**THE WORLD**

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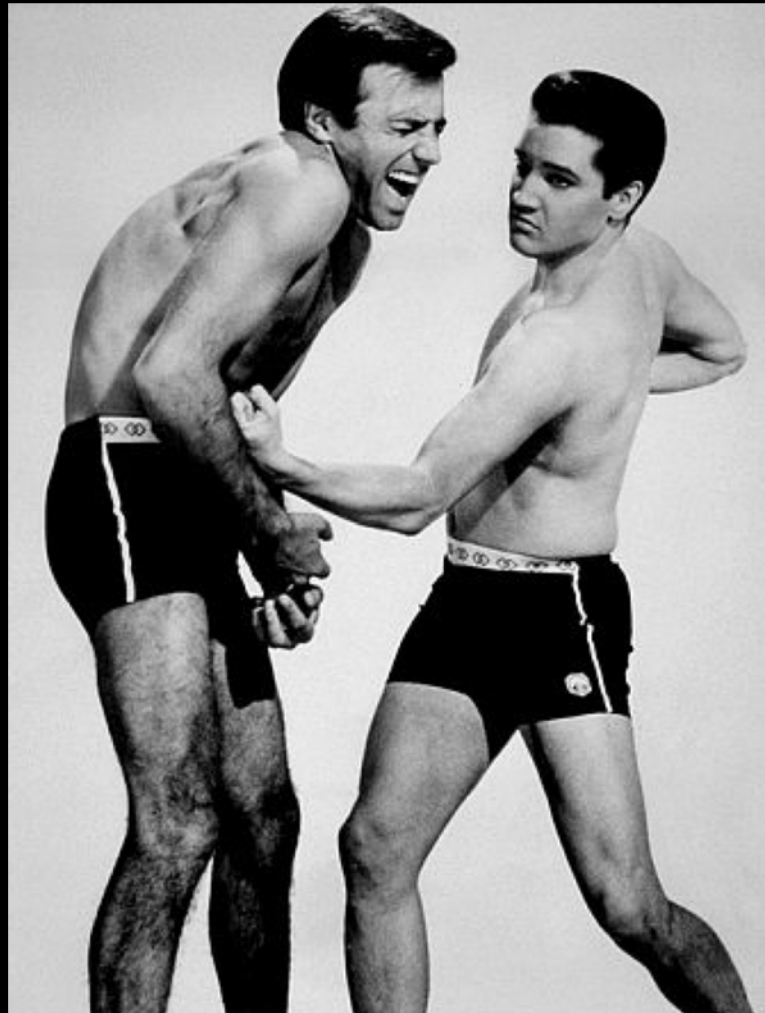


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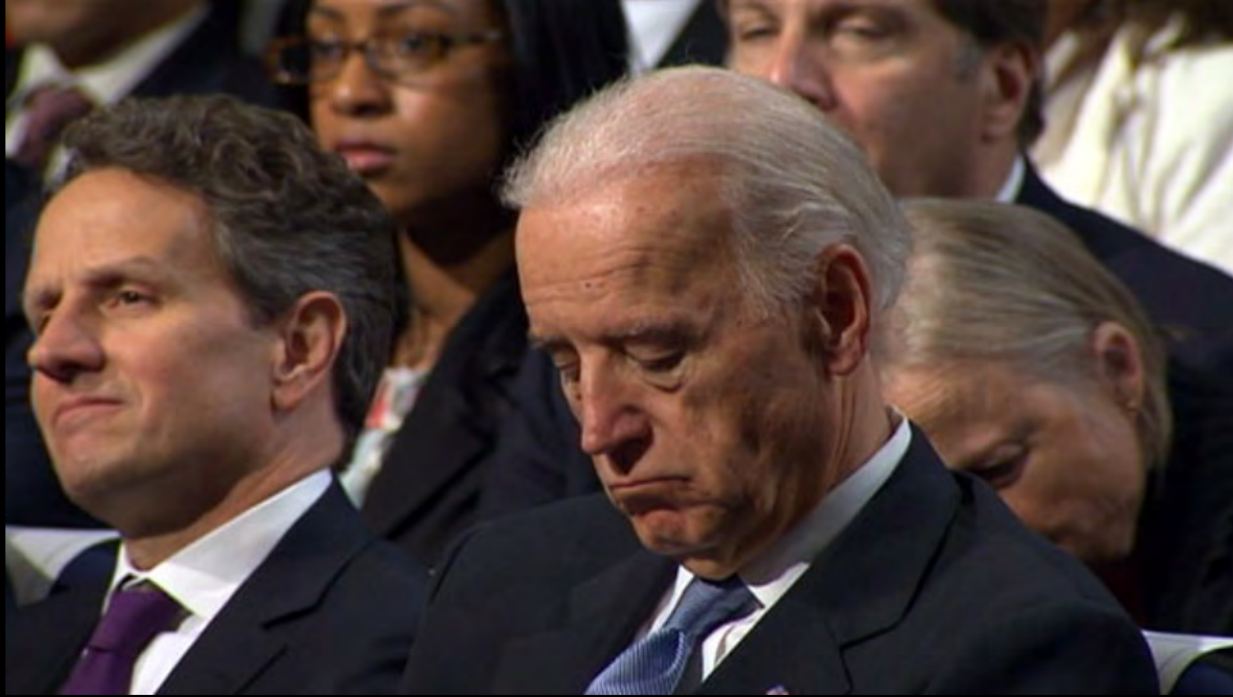
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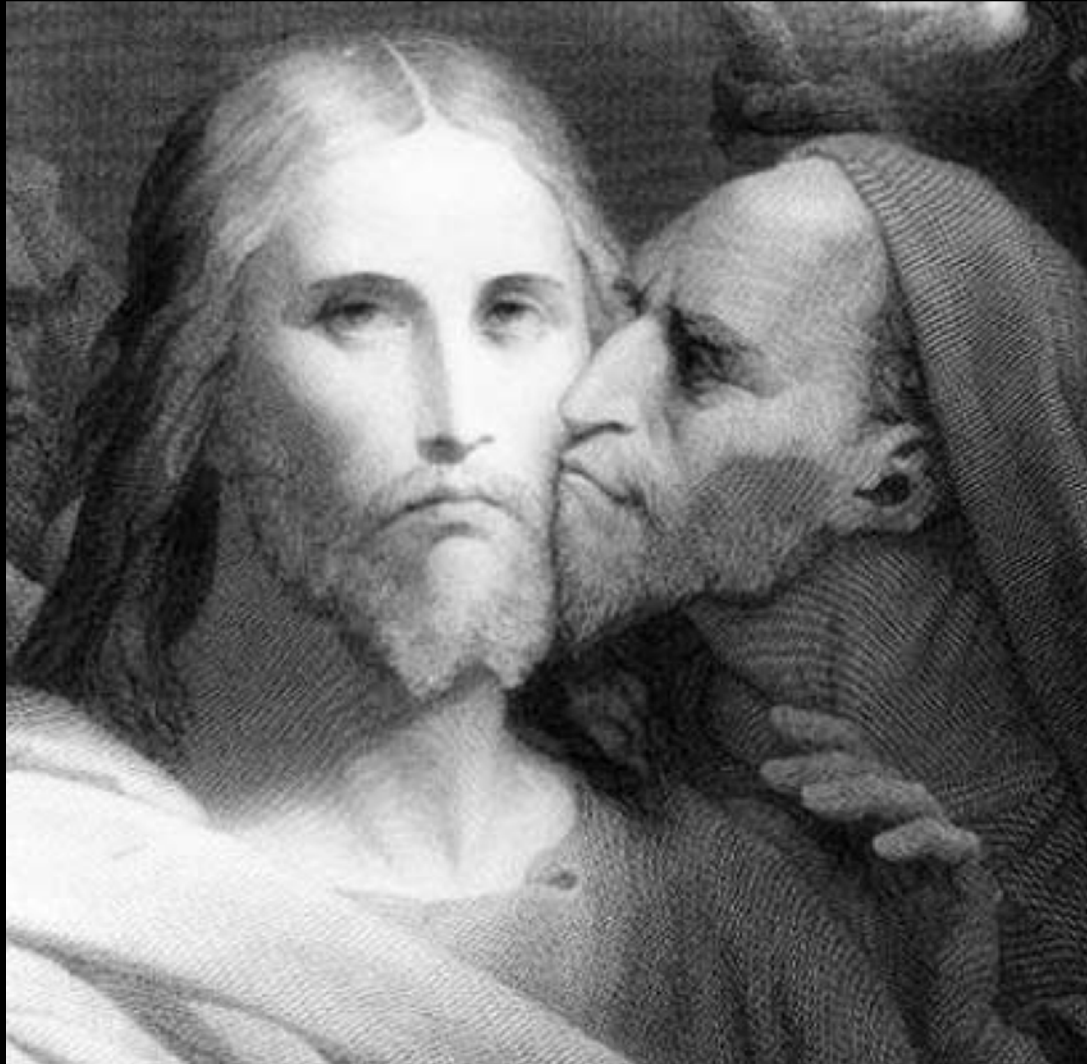


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**EXERCISE**

Some motivation required.

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# REWARD – Seeing people thrive in their walk with Jesus, yet messy!

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Is there someone God is calling you to be  
spiritually involved with and to lovingly  
rebuke them?