## Judge NOT

What I Must Do Instead of Judging

Matthew 7:1-6

Jude 9

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- Archangel Michael: serves God, seems to be highest of angels?
- · Devil: very evil guy: does bad things, opposed to God

Jude 1:9

• contending and disputing

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Michael "did not presume"

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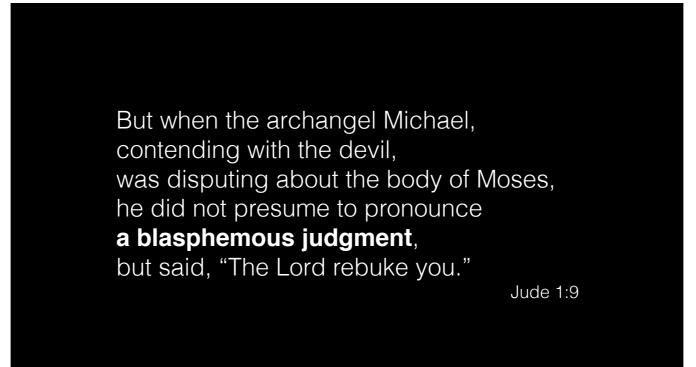
• (CWSB Dictionary) To have courage, boldness, confidence to do something, to venture, dare.

(TDNT - Abridged) b. In the negative, no one dare ask Jesus any more questions in Mk. 12:34; they all recognize his supremacy. Faced with the risen Lord, the disciples, too, do not dare ask him who he is (Jn. 21:12). Moses did not dare look closely at the bush (Acts 7:32). Michael does not presume to pass judgment on the devil in Jude 9. In Acts 5:13 the other believers dare not join the apostles, who alone come under arrest (v. 18).

Jude 1:9

· blasphemous

- (MED) the violation of the glory, majesty, and power of God
- (TDNT Abridged) 1. Blasphemy is violation of God's power and majesty.

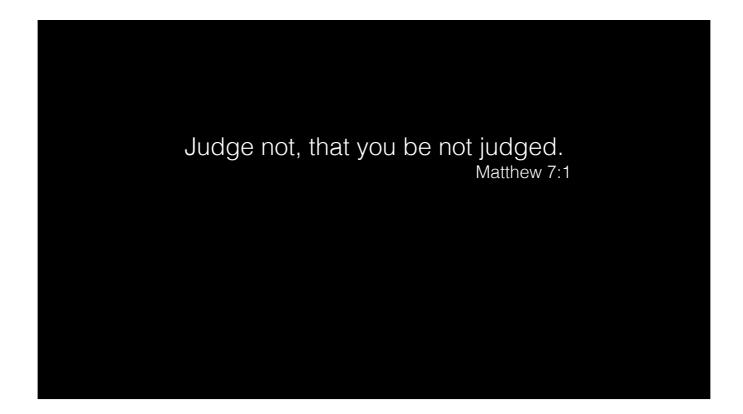


(Lenski's Commentary on the New Testament) If one who is only an angel and a creature should arrogate to himself any of the glories, i.e., the attributes, that belong only to God and to Christ; if he should speak as though he, an angel, a creature, could damn with omnipotence, with justice, with omniscience. Not even faintly did Michael so express himself when the devil himself claimed the body of no less a person than Moses.

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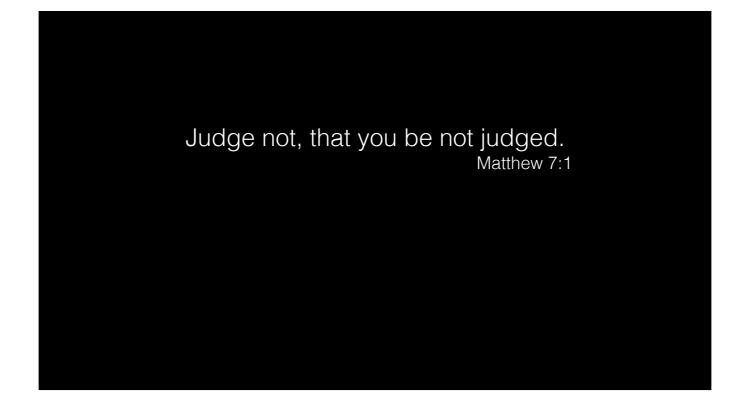
Jude 1:9

- God is JUDGE!
  - Angel fighting with Satan
  - Didn't give judgment
    - Would be taking on himself the role that is God's alone!
    - Didn't dare to exalt himself that way.
- If Michael doesn't dare judge Satan
  - Who am I to judge my brother?



Matthew 7:1-6 (ESV) 1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 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? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

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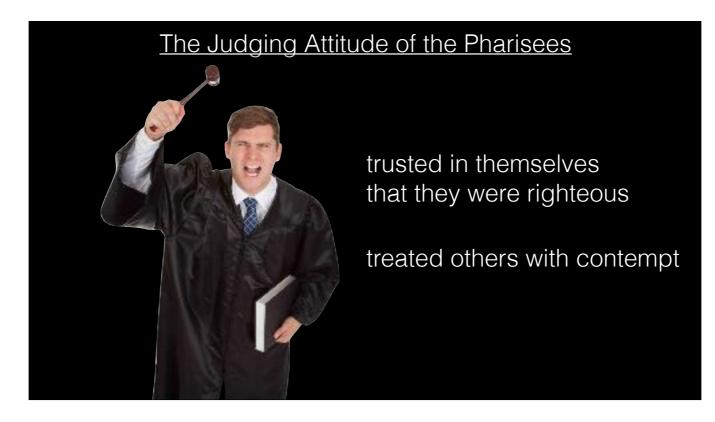


- Yet, unfortunately, most of us struggle with this.
- Practicing righteousness can be difficult.
  - Giving, Praying, Fasting
    - To be seen of men
  - True treasure in Heaven
    - Not anxious
- · Sometimes we look at others wrongly,

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with **right judgment**." John 7:24

• Judge by Appearances

• Right Judgement



• The Judging Attitude of the Pharisees

• Luke 18:9-12 (ESV) 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt



- Remove beam, remove speck... then good eye.
- Is your eye healthy or bad? How do you see your brother?
- Are you thinking you are a brother or a judge?

What is **Jesus** teaching me about practicing righteousness?

- It's often easy when practicing righteousness to look down on others who are not practicing righteousness as I understand it should (MUST) be done.
- It reveals a lack of self examination and self discipline.
- It puts the emphasis in righteousness on just the action performed, no consideration of heart and attitude (especially since I cannot judge another's heart!)

## God is Judge!

- God is Judge!
  - James 4:12
    - There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy.
  - This is one part of who God is that we are not to be like!
- But who are you to judge your neighbor?

## God is Judge!

Or do you presume on the riches of his **kindness** and **forbearance** and **patience**, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to **lead you to repentance**?

Romans 2:4 (ESV) 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

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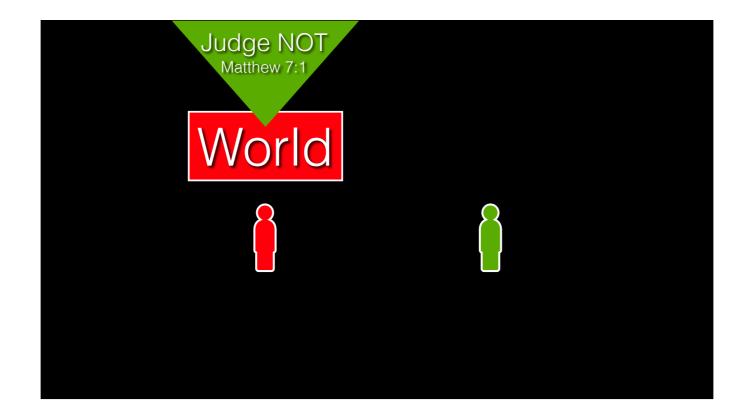
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• My job is not to judge!

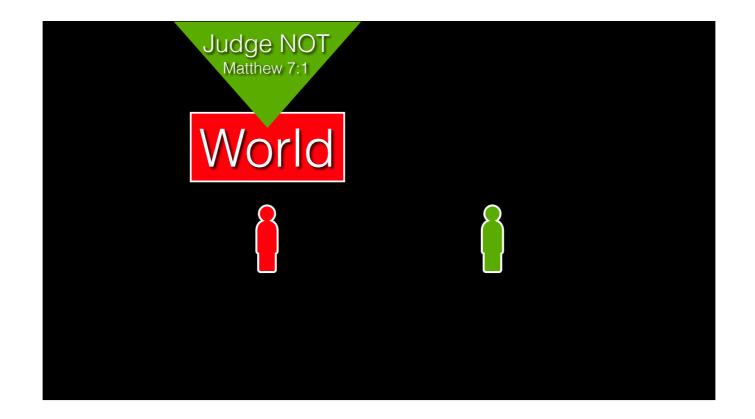
• My job is to aid my brother!



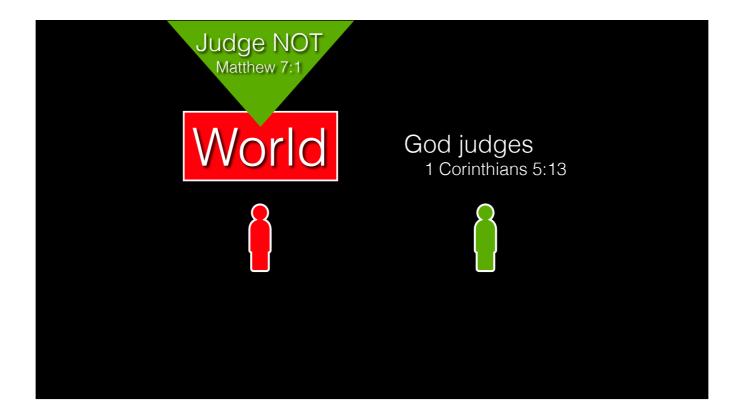
- Don't trust in yourself that you are righteous.
- · Don't treat others with contempt.
- Things to do instead of judging.
  - Remember to ask question: "Who am I to judge?"
  - Remember that God is THE Judge.



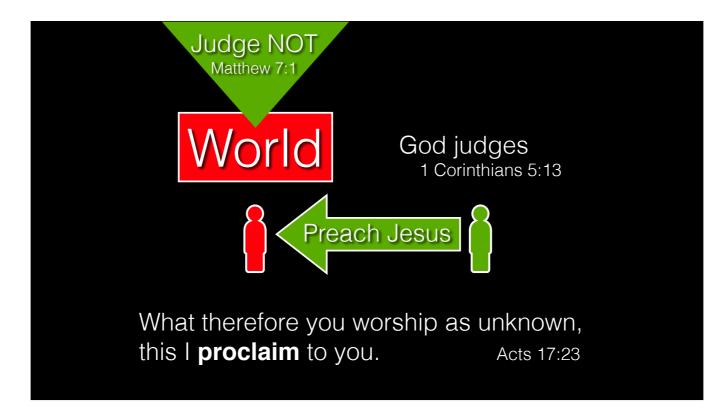
• In World



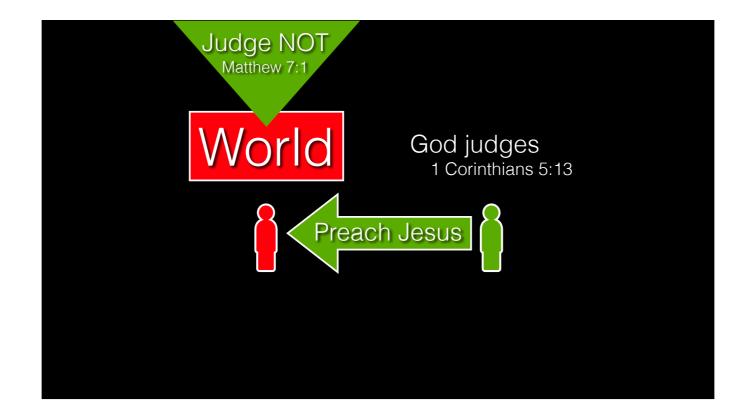
- Don't expect them to live by the standards of the gospel!
  - 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV Strong's) 9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.



• 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside.

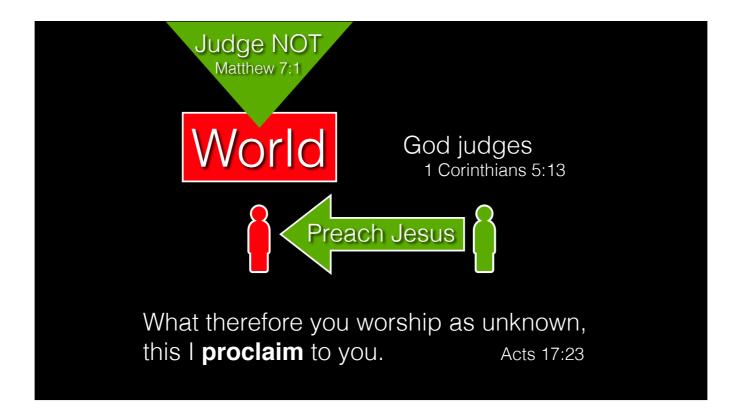


- Teach them the truth!
- ・Paul...
  - Acts 17:16-21 (ESV) 16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

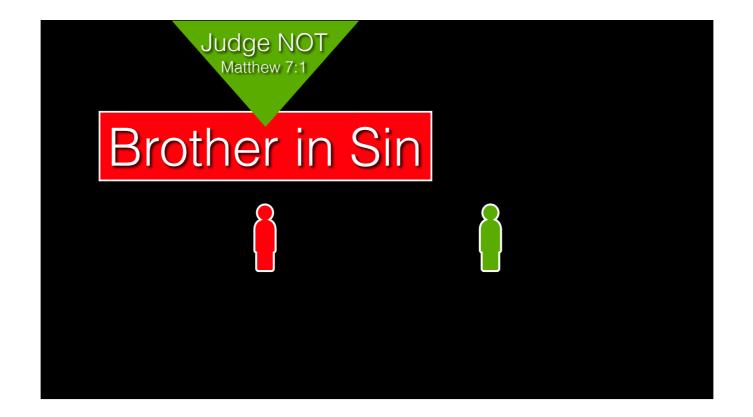


18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

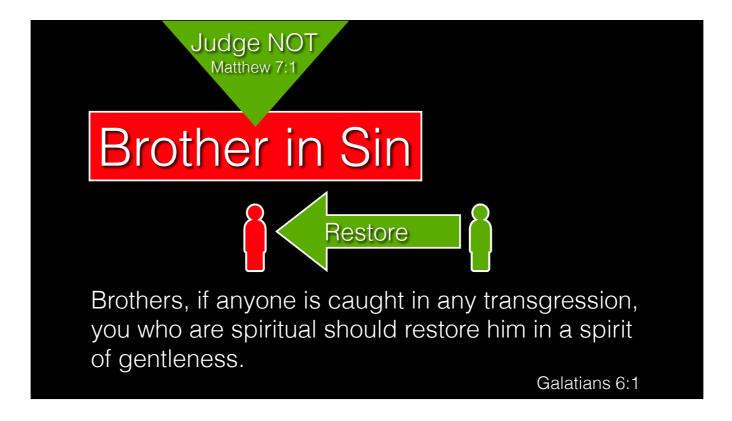
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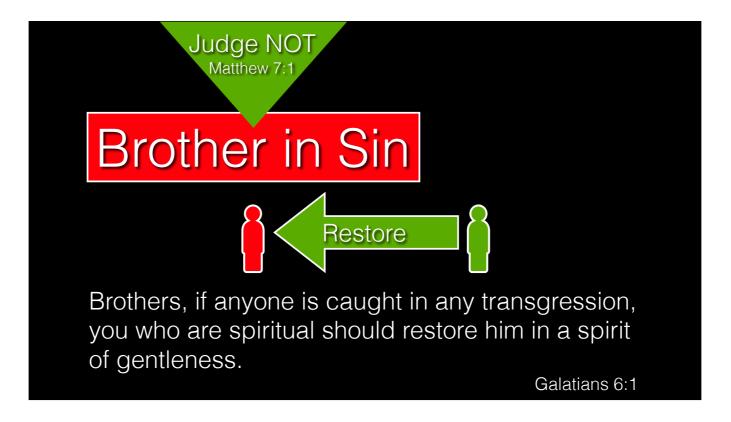
Acts 17:23 (ESV) For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.



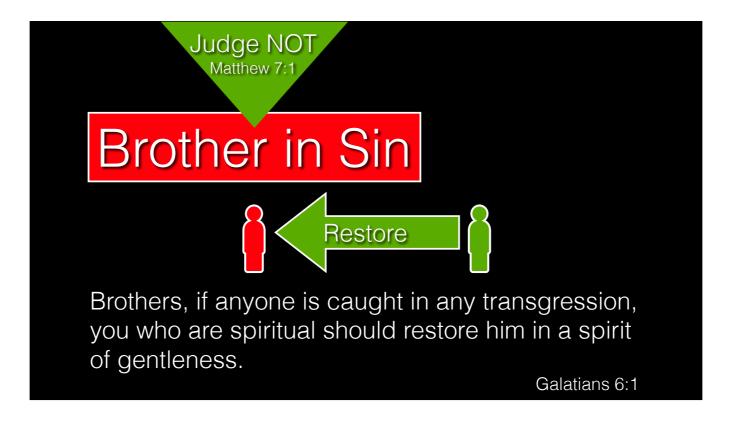
- · SIN –
- 1 Cor. 5: 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside.
- Judge in sense that we understand that sin has been committed and something must be done.
- wrong way: treat with contempt
- right way...



- Restore your brother (Galatians 6:1)
  - Galatians 6:1-5: Brothers, 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, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.



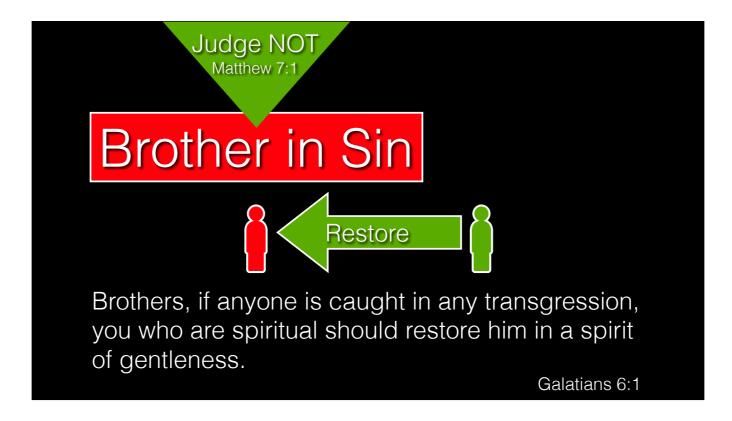
- caught in any transgression (overtaken)
- · If "overtaken"
  - (CWSBD) catches the individual by surprise, suddenly, without notice, i.e., before he is aware of what has happened.
  - (TDNT) the point is surprise, i.e., being betrayed into a fault unawares. In this case loving restoration is demanded, not unloving censure.



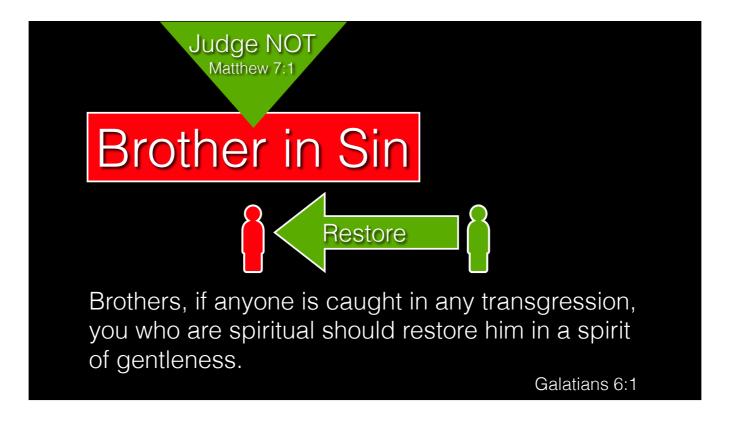
If "caught"

• (CWSB Dictionary) someone being caught in the act of a particular sin

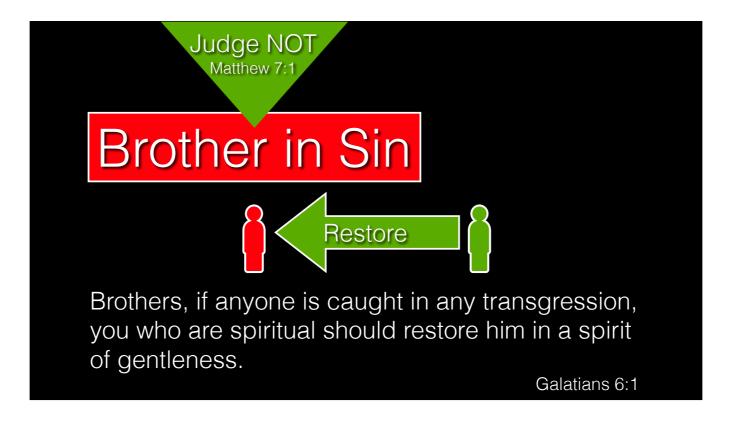
- not just supposed, guessed, rumors or suspicion.
  - They have sinned.



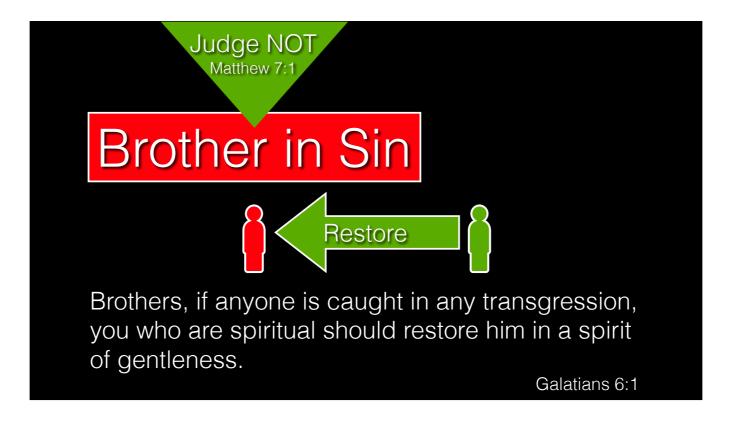
Matthew 18:15-16 (ESV) 15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses



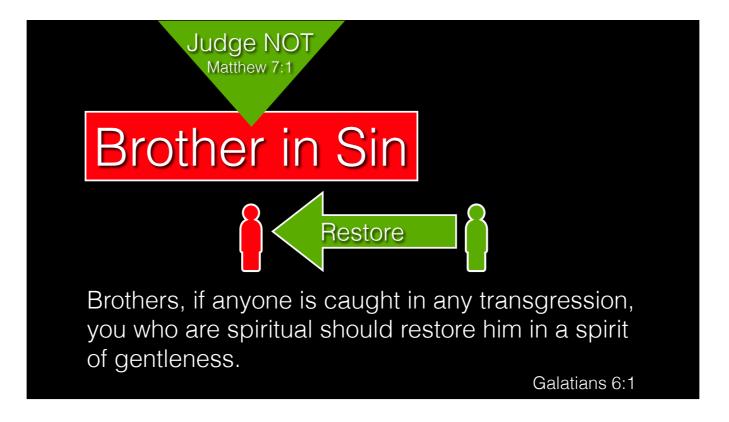
- you who are spiritual
  - · don't react according to the flesh, or the world
  - fruit of Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control



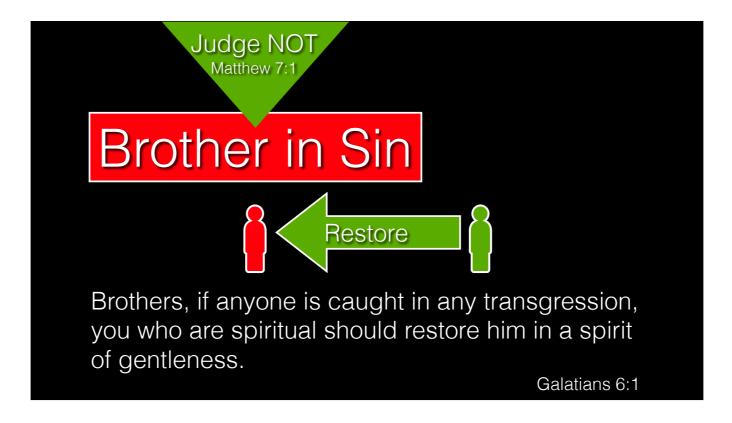
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- restore him
  - · (CWSBD) put a thing in its appropriate condition... mend.
  - · (CWSBD) of a person in error, to restore, set right
  - · (Vine's) The tense is the continuous present, suggesting the necessity for patience and perseverance in the process.
- · Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



- in a spirit of gentleness.
  - Purpose is to restore!
  - Strength under control.

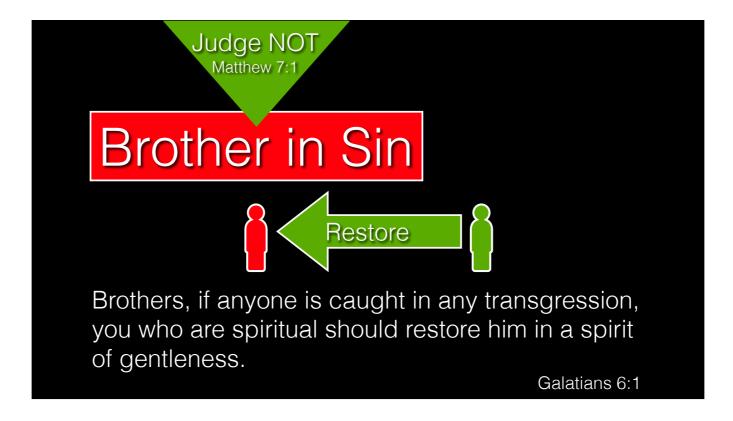


- Paul opposed Peter: Galatians 2:11-14
  - 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was
    eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

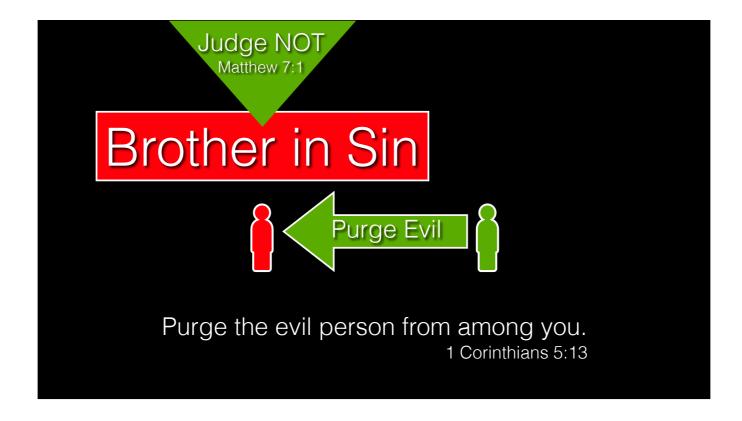


13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

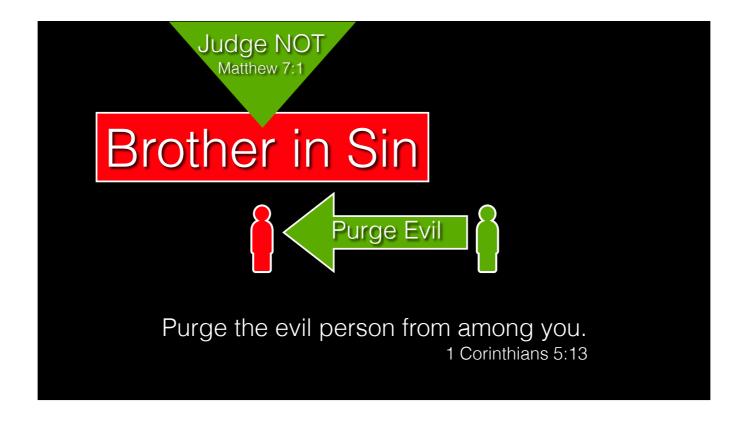
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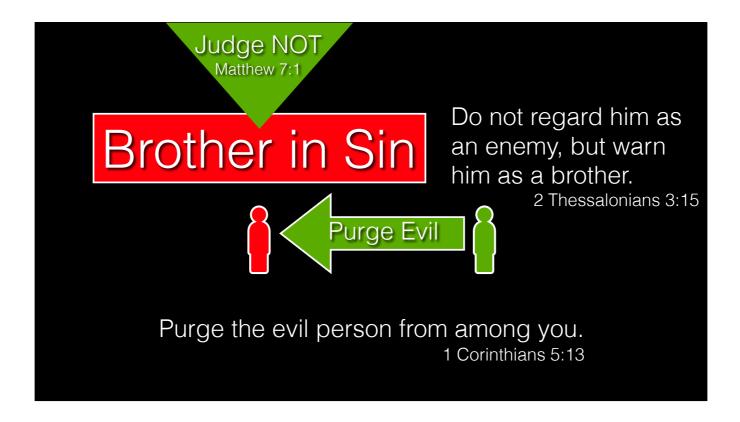
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 But... what if they refuse?



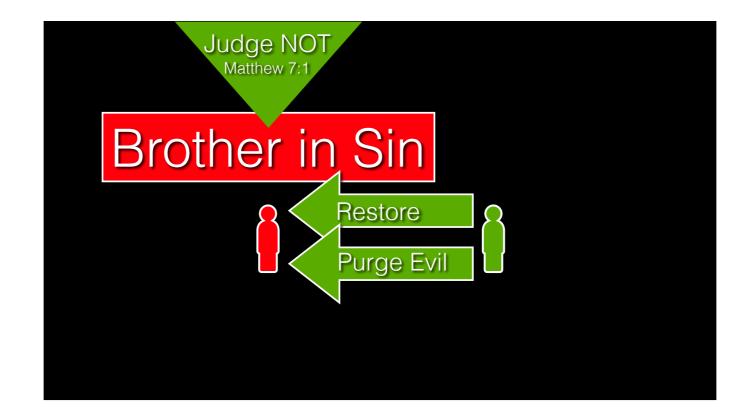
- Purge Evil
  - 1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.
  - 13: Purge the evil person from among you."



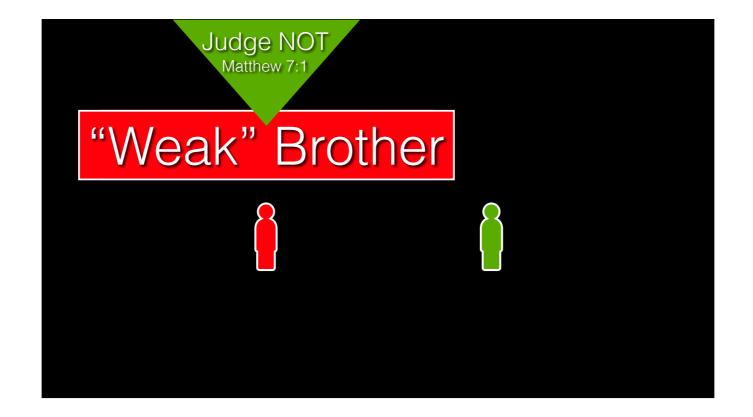
- 1 Corinthians 5:5: you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 5:2 (ESV) And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to **mourn**? Let him who has done this be **removed** from among you.



• 2 Thessalonians 3:15: **Do not regard him as an enemy**, but warn him as a brother.



• James 5:19-20 (ESV) 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

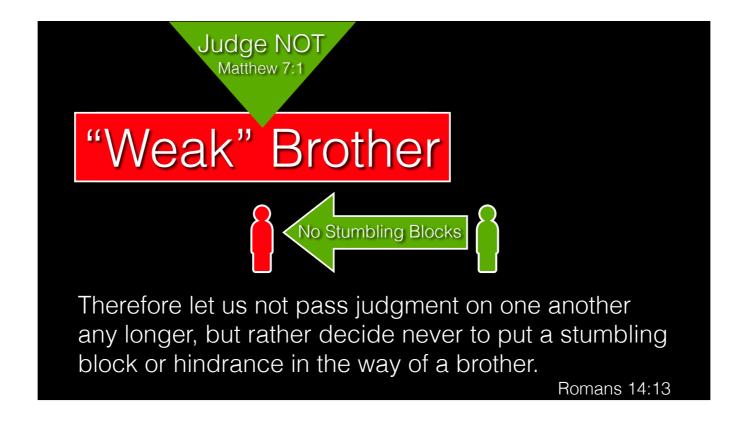


• WEAK -

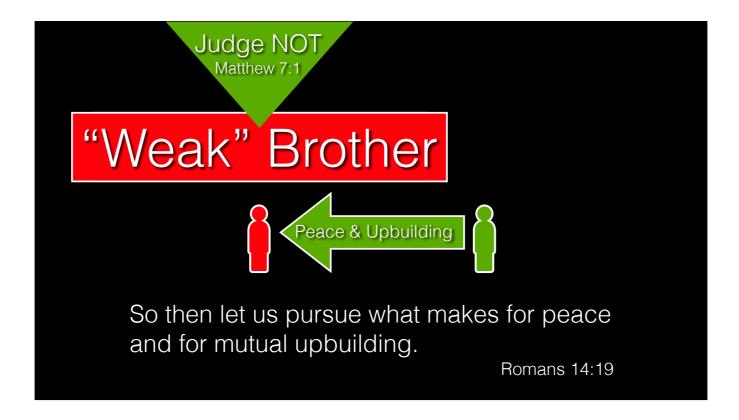
· I don't do what you expect or think that I should be doing



- Welcome Your Brother
  - Romans 14:1: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.
- Welcome ("receive")
  - · (CWSBD) To receive to oneself, admit to one's society and fellowship, receive and treat with kindness
- But WITHOUT an agenda! (fake welcome)



- Don't be a stumbling block
  - Romans 14:13 (ESV) 13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.
  - Don't speak evil or grumble (James 4:11; 5:9)

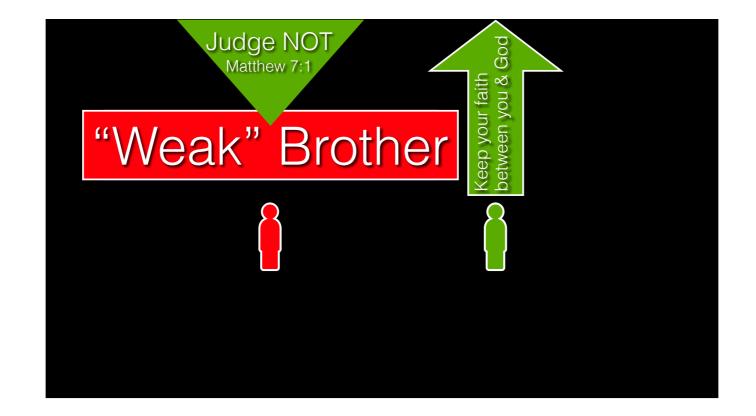


- Pursue Peace and Growth
  - Romans 14:18-19 (ESV) 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

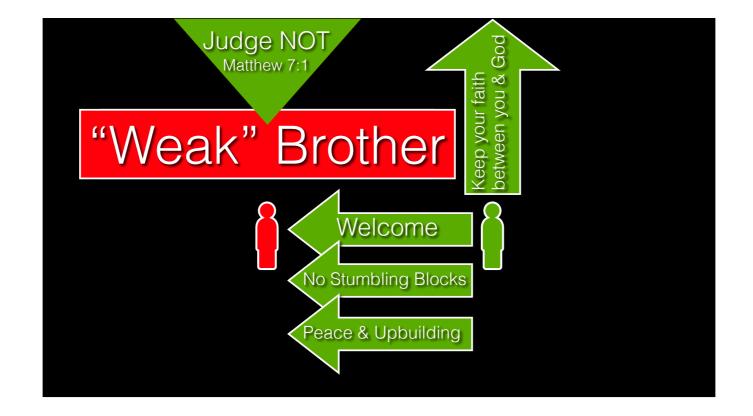


• Be silent

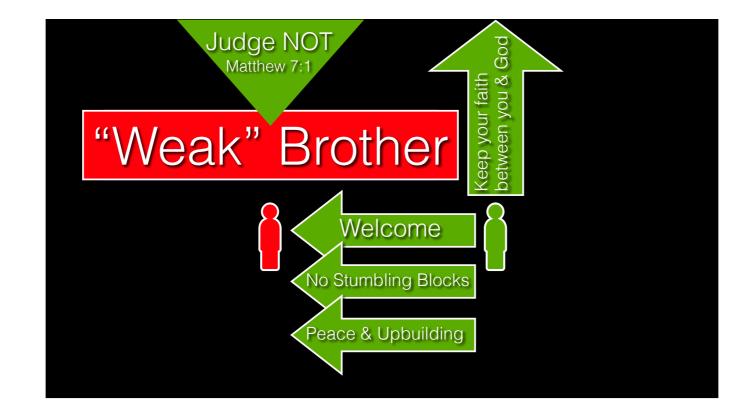
Romans 14:22 (ESV) 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.



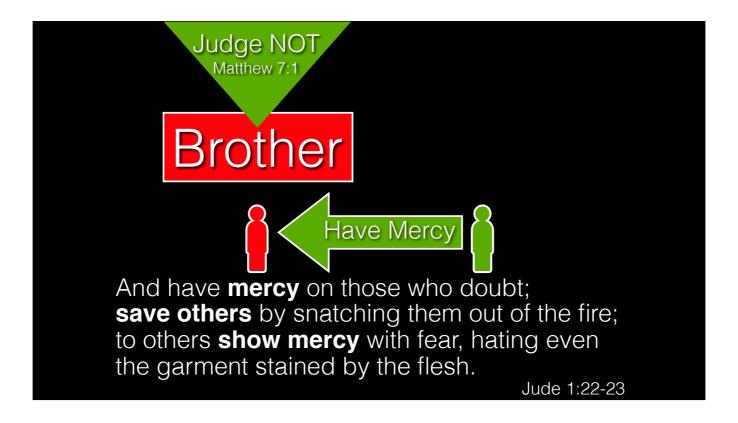
- James 4:11-12 (ESV) 11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?
- James 5:9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.



- Welcome
- No stumbling blocks or hindrances
- Pursue peace, mutual upbuilding
- $\cdot\,$  Keep faith between you and God



- Meat offer in sacrifice to an idol.
  - implied fellowship with that "god"
  - · don't eat meat giving impression that I still follow "god"
  - eat meat, idol is nothing; sacrifice meant nothing.
- Both sides understood as FAITH!
  - don't be self-righteous.
  - · don't treat with contempt
- · Paul focus' more on how we treat one another than on the correctness of their doctrine or understanding.



- Jude 1:22-23
  - · And have mercy on those who doubt;
  - · save others by snatching them out of the fire;
  - to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.



- · God is Judge, I am brother
  - His law, He's just, He knows
- Have a healthy eye
  - don't treat with contempt
  - · don't presume and assume
- Right judgment to provide help to my brother in Christ
  - Judging distracts me from helping.
- Mercy; Save
  - Kindness, forbearance, patience leads to repentance!!!



• James 2:13: Mercy triumphs over judgment.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

## Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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