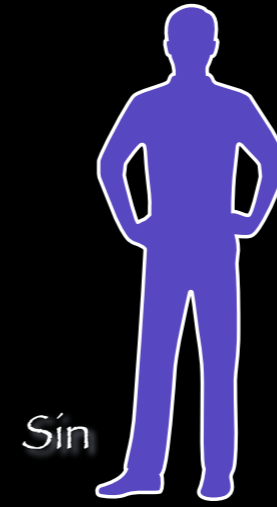


Forgive My Sin

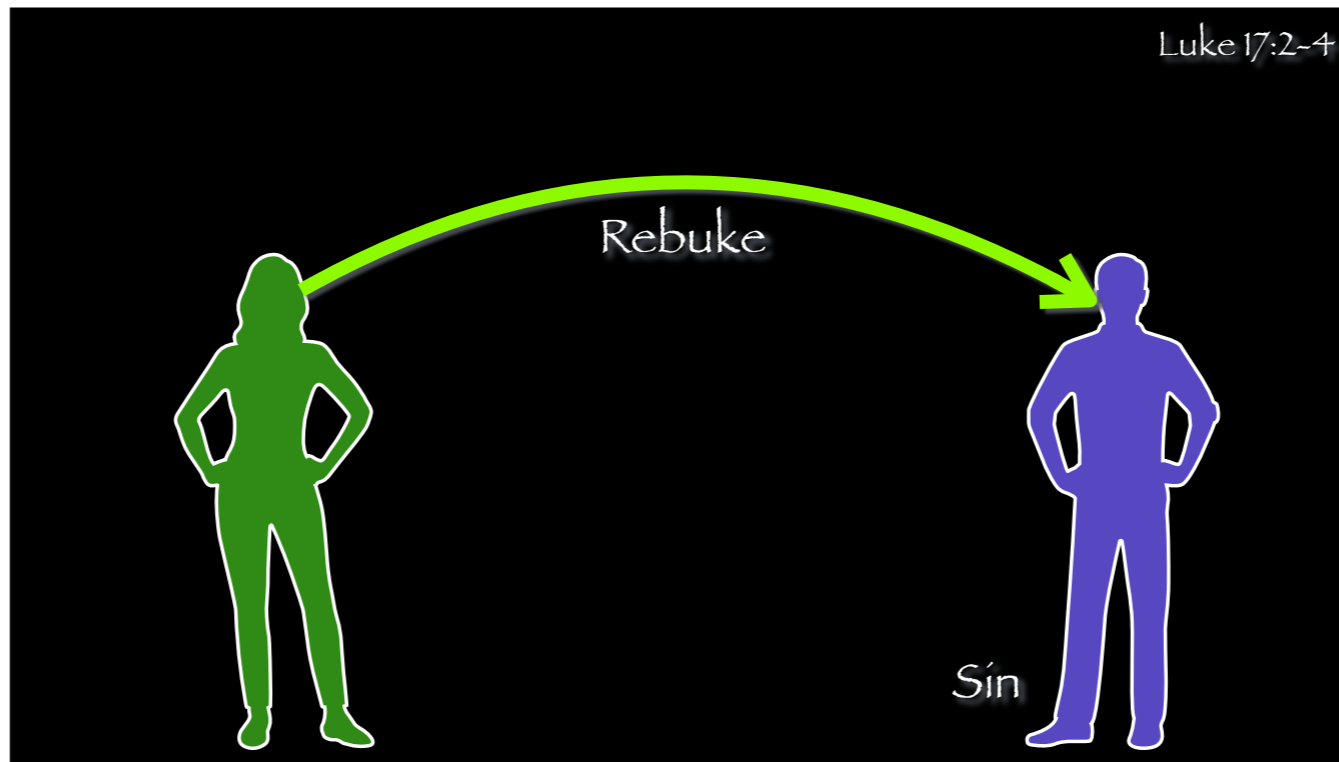
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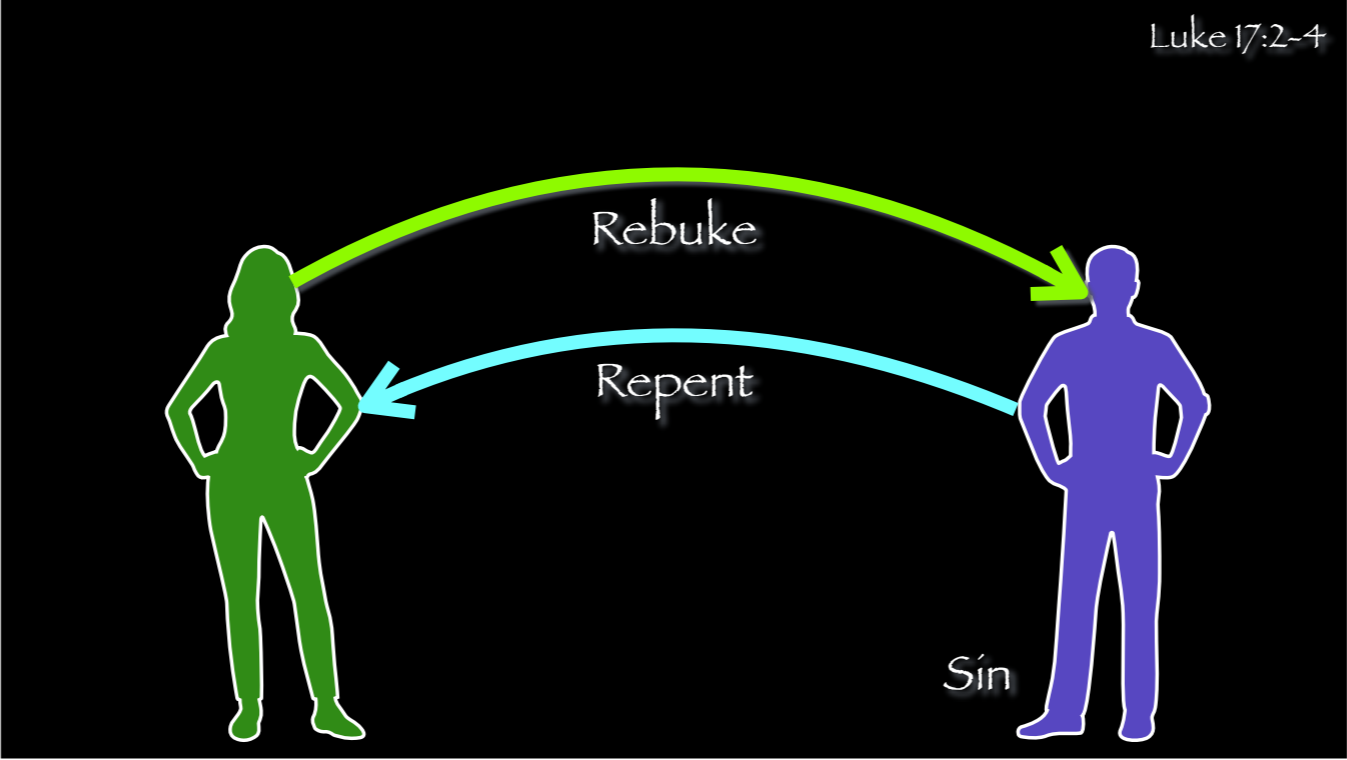
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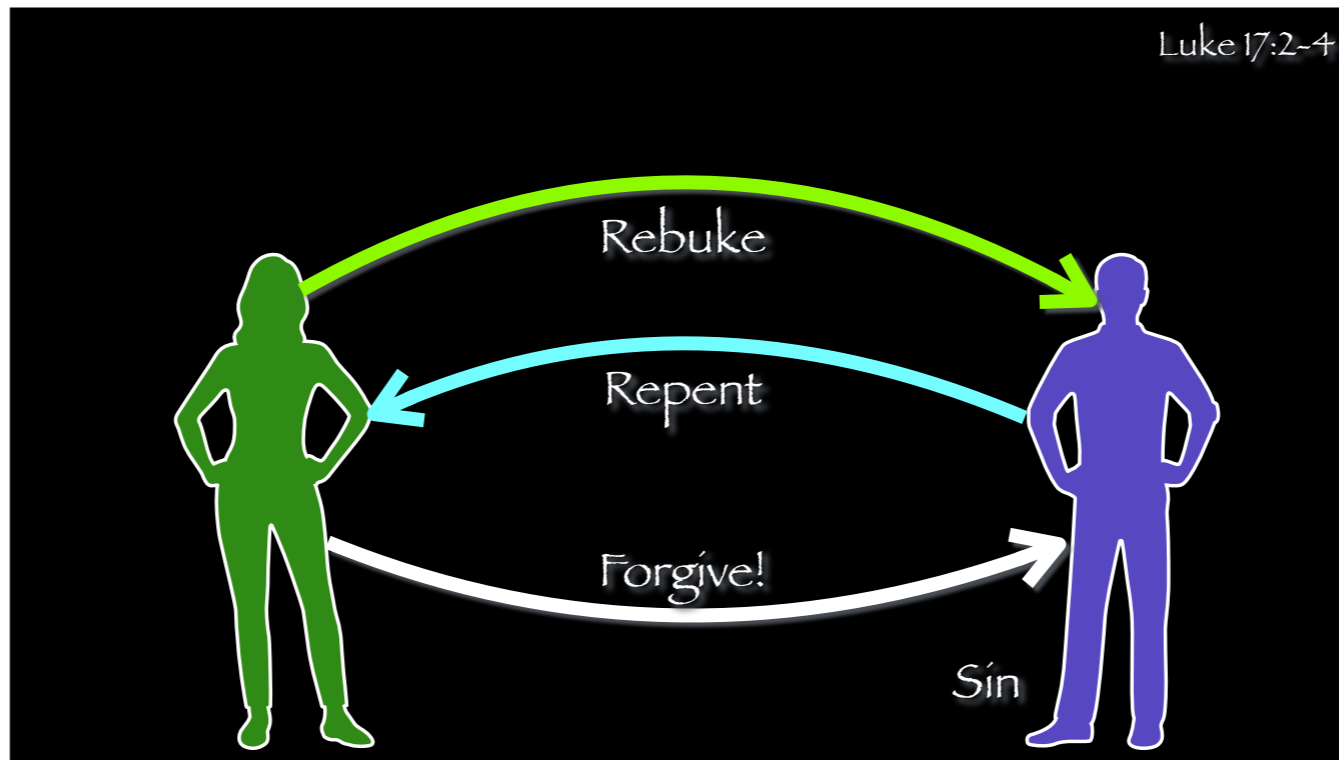
- Luke 17:3
- If your brother sins



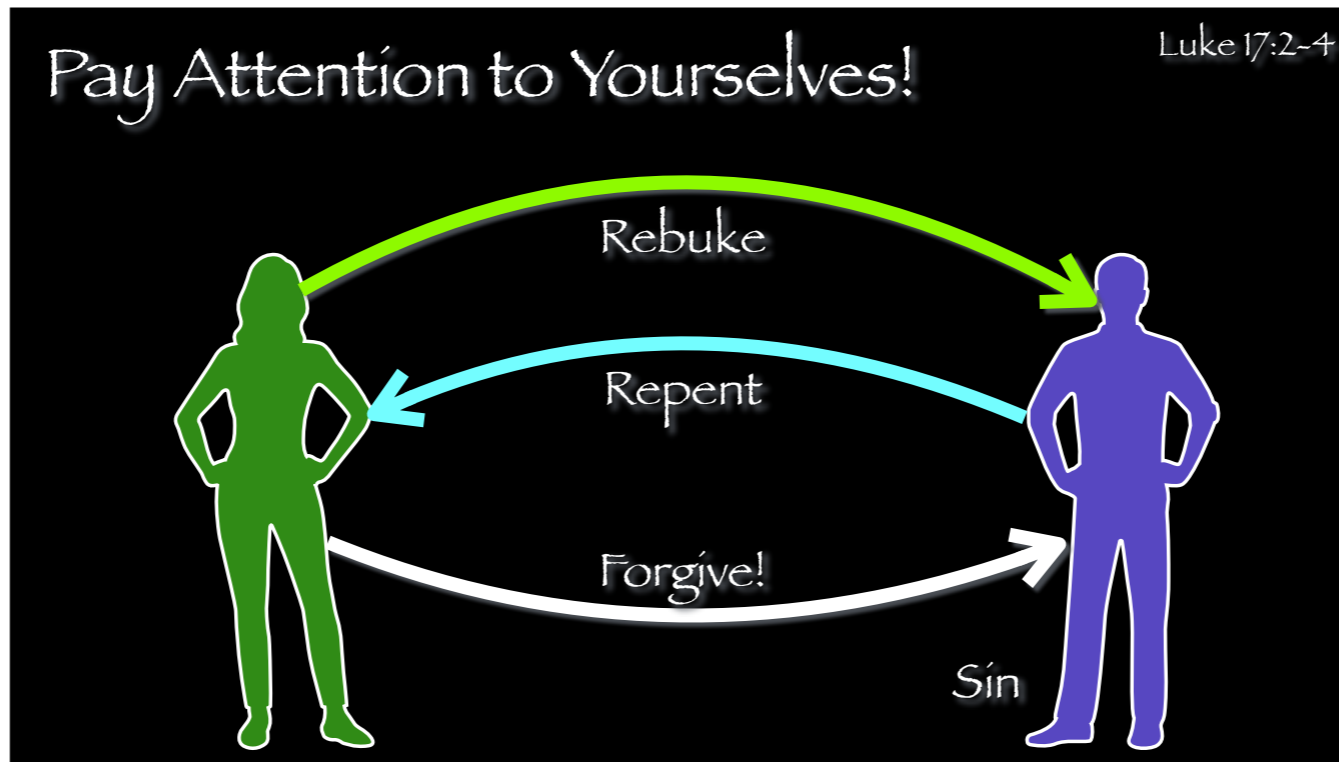
- If your brother sins, rebuke him,
 - to admonish strongly, enjoin strictly
 - (Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words),



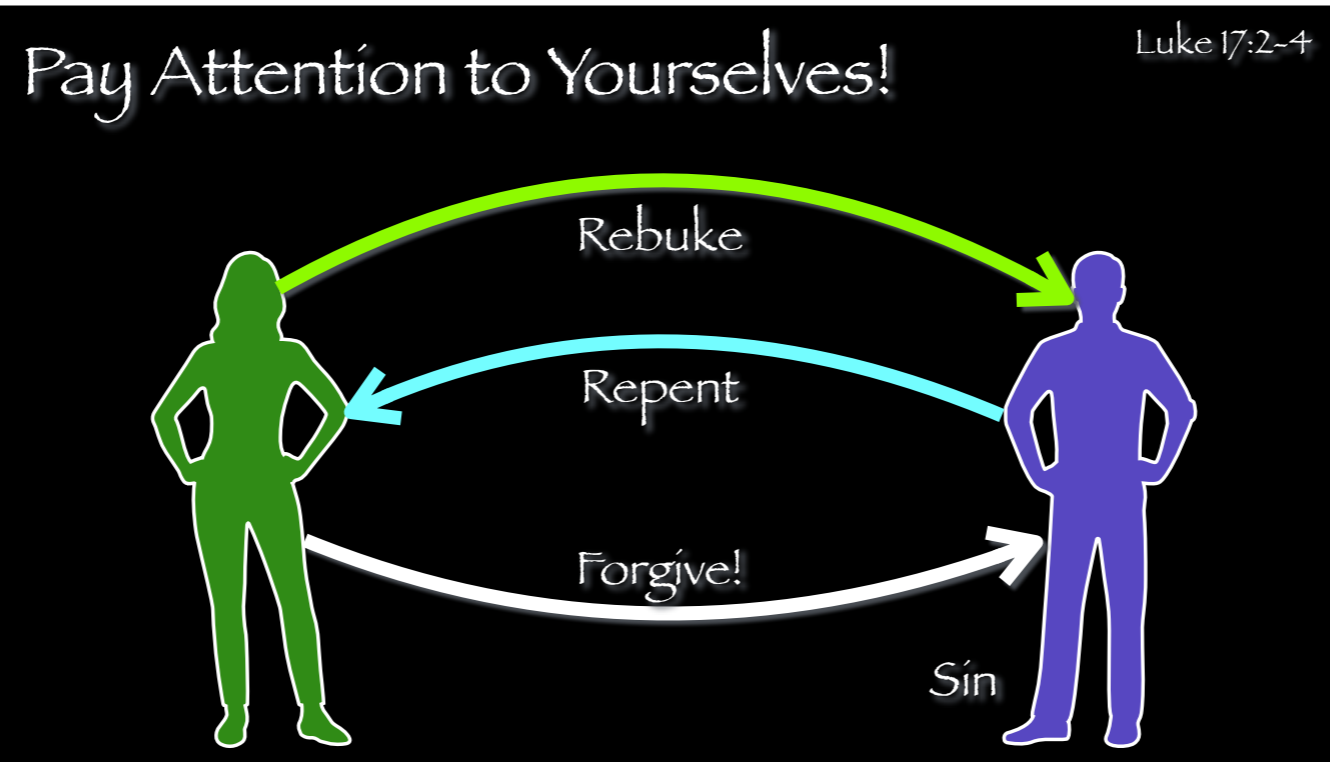
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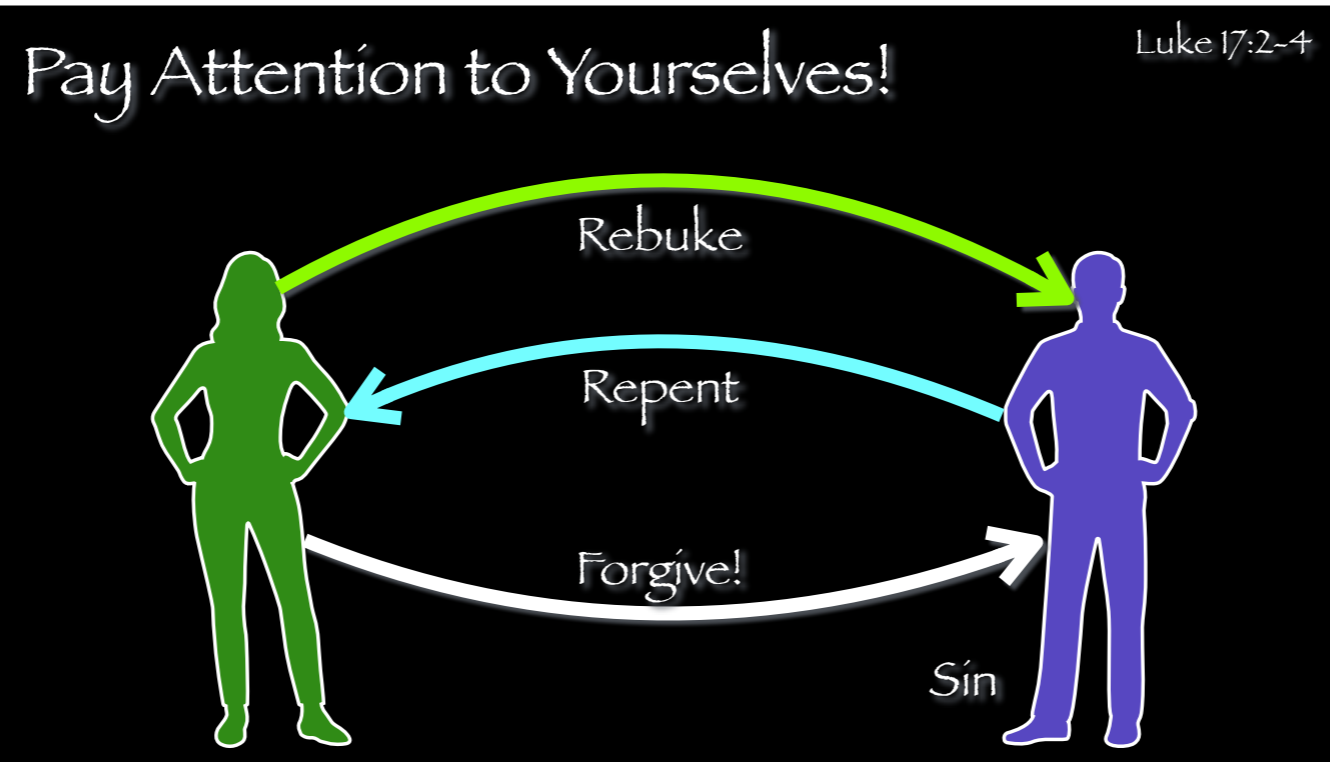
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 - you must forgive him."



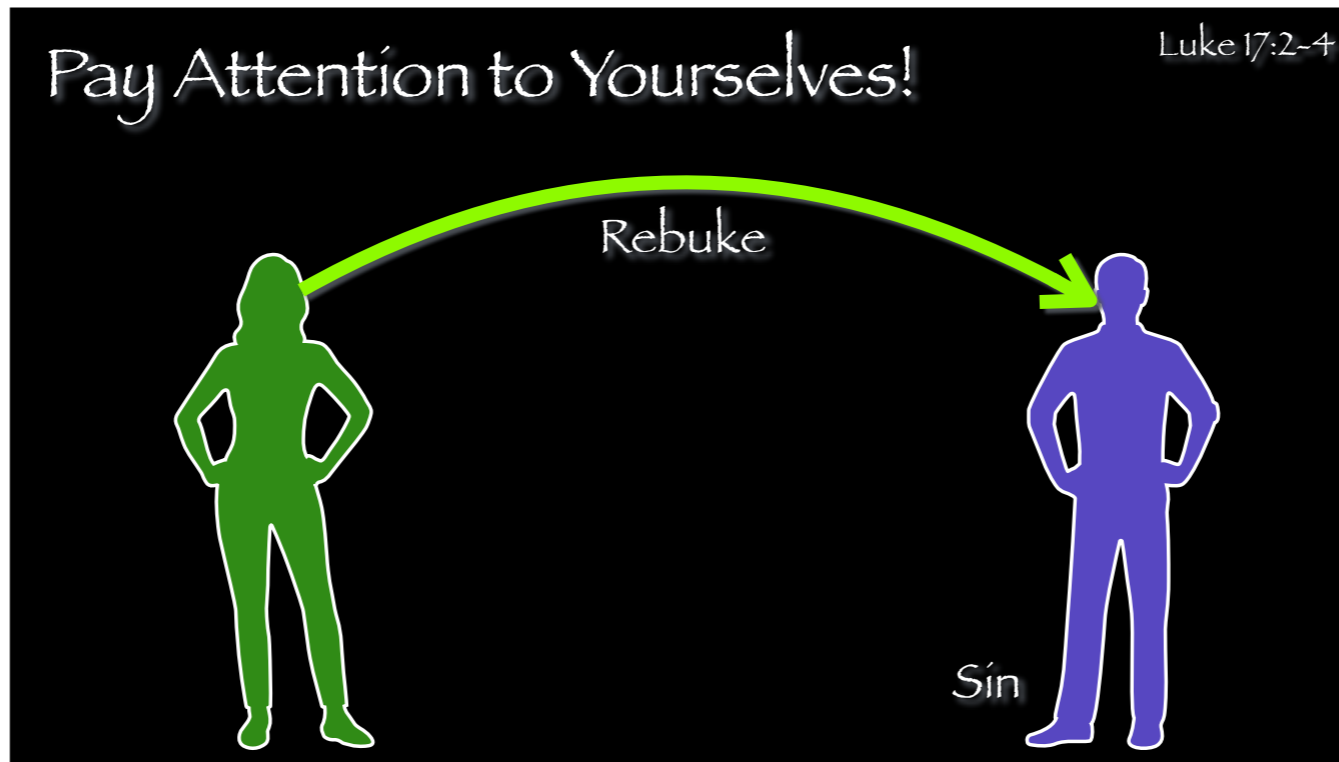
- Luke 17:3 Pay attention to yourselves!
- Why pay attention?
 - Often in such situations, our focus is on the sinner ... what the sinner must do (not unimportant)



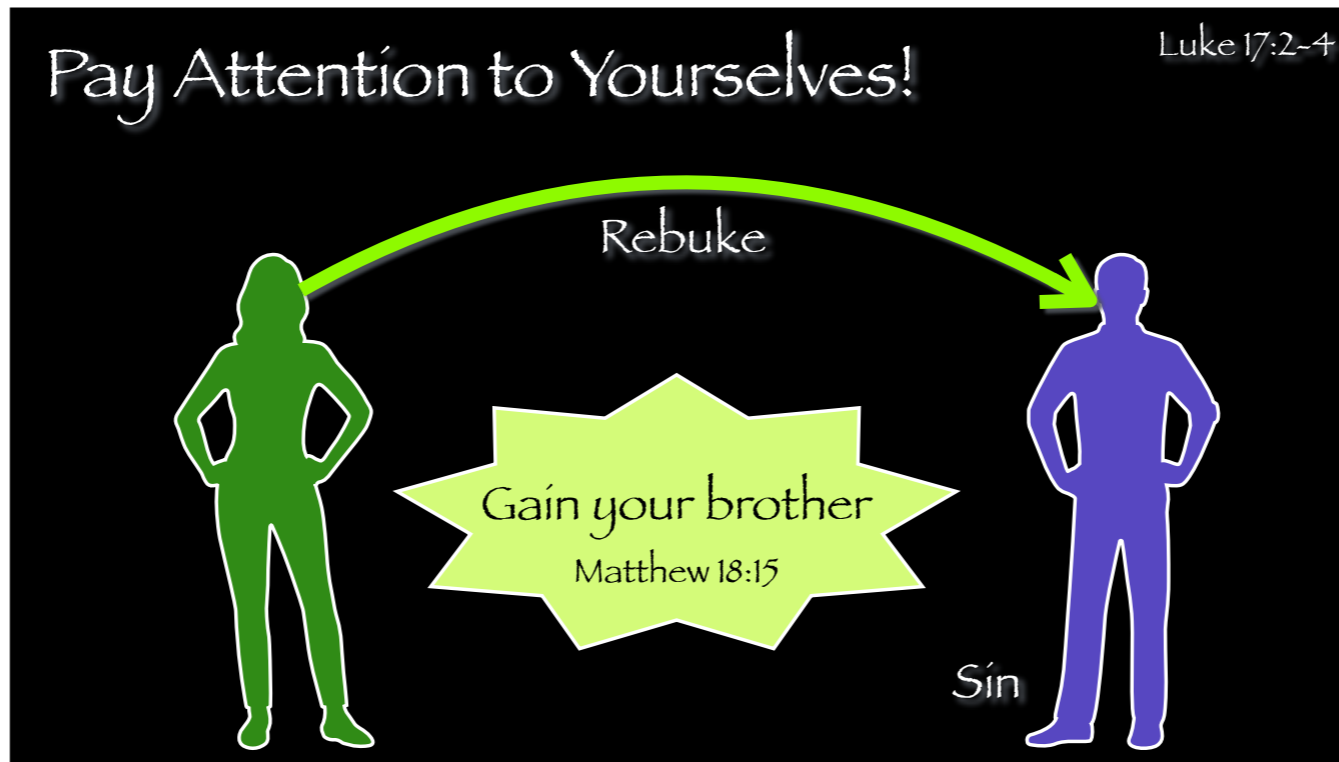
- Sadly, we may blind ourselves to our own struggles with
 - attitude toward brother
 - grudges
 - resentment
 - silence
 - failure to really forgive
 - not trying to restore relationship



- Applies to all our relationships
 - church
 - marriage
 - family
- What do I need to pay attention to in myself?

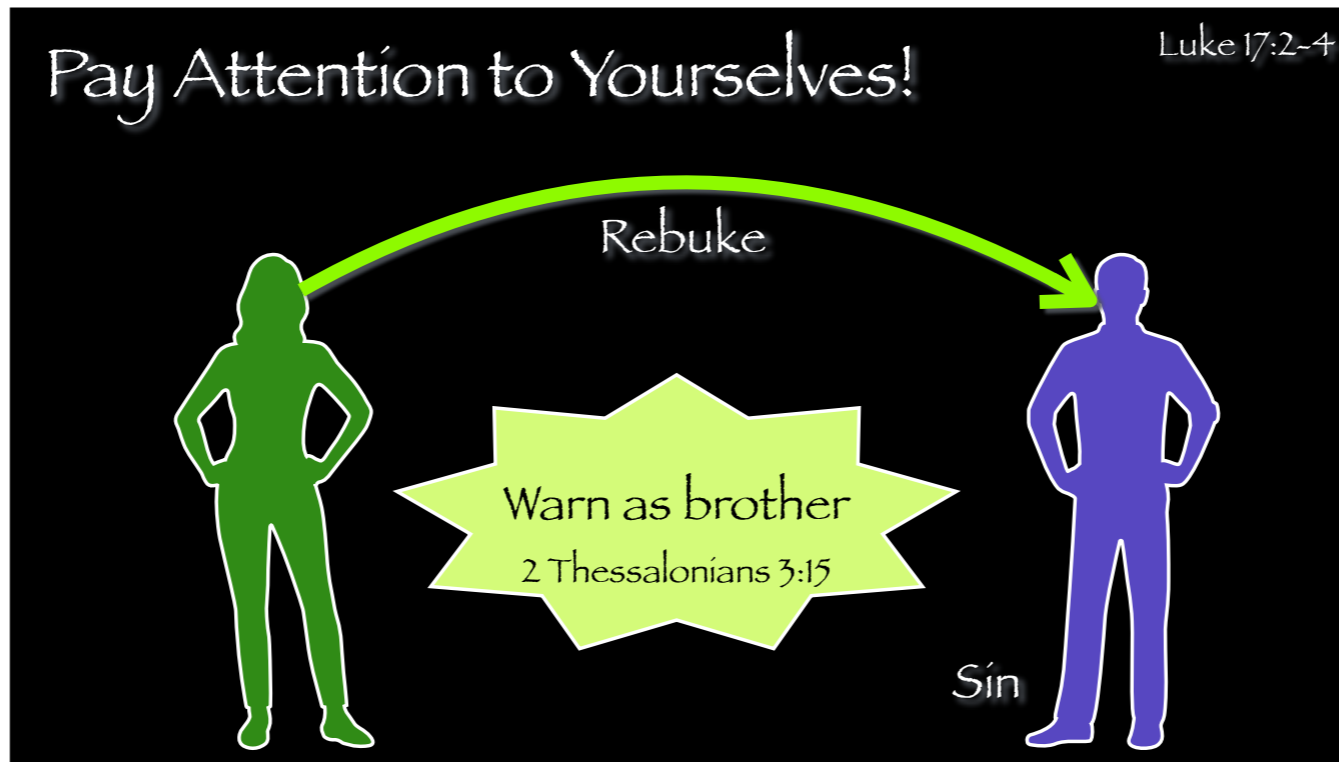


- Purpose of rebuke?
 - Are we merely pointing out the sin, as if the brother doesn't know?
 - very unlikely, seldom true

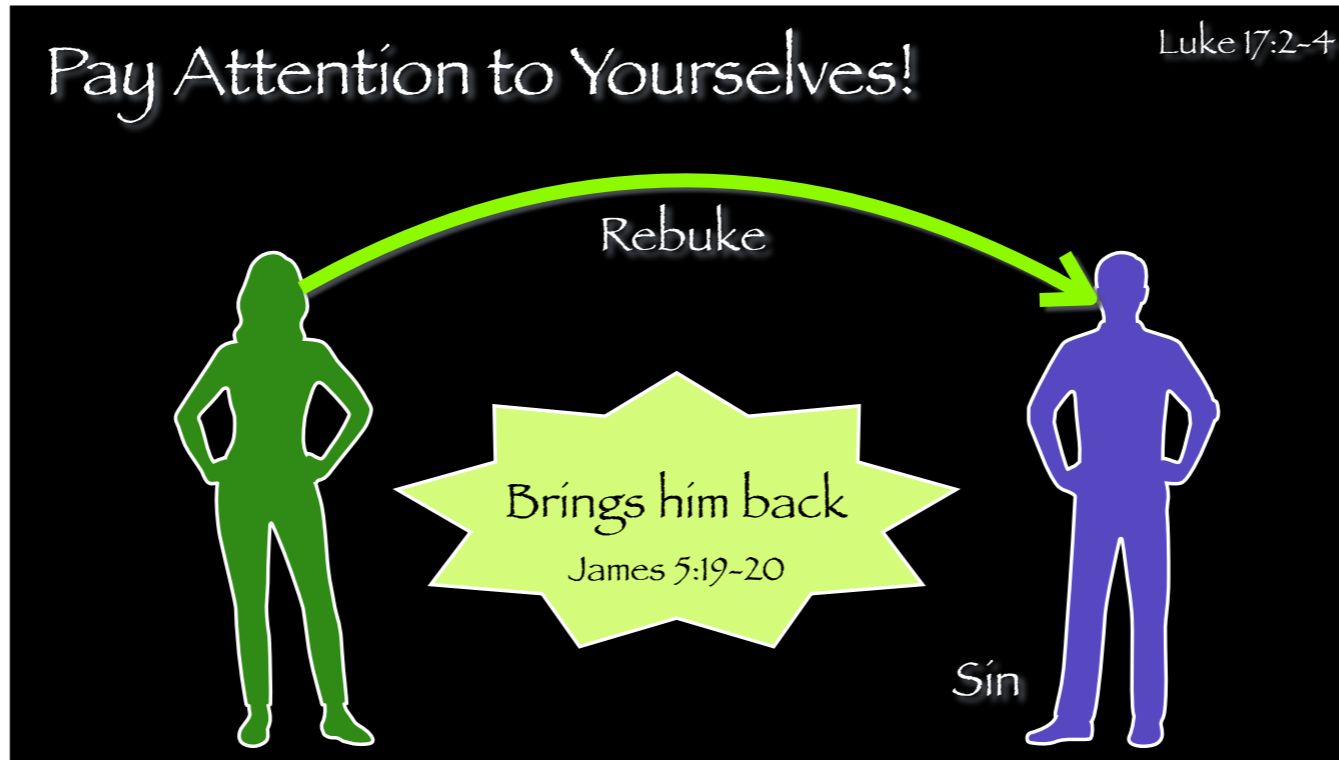


- Gain your brother

- Matthew 18:15 (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.



- Warn as brother
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:15 (ESV) 15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

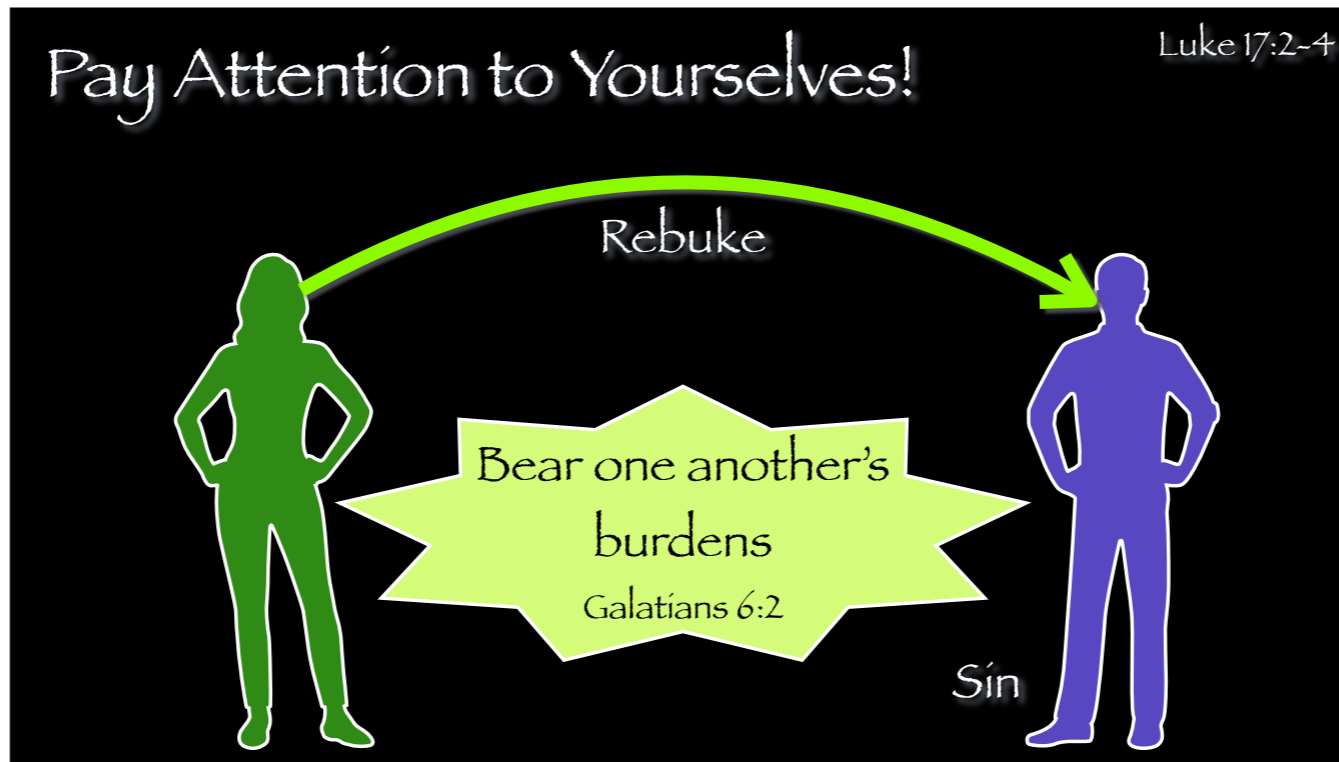


- Bring him back: save soul; cover sins
 - James 5:19-20 (ESV) 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

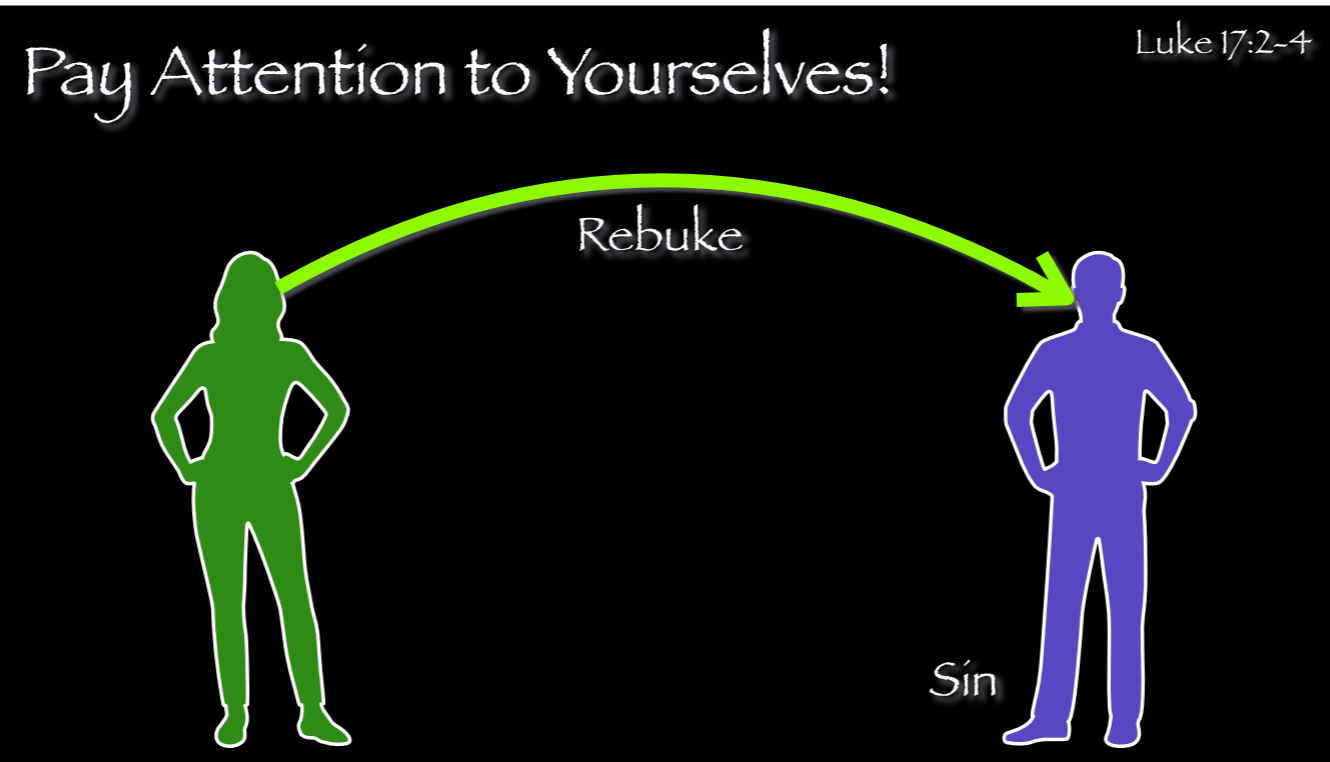


- Restore Him

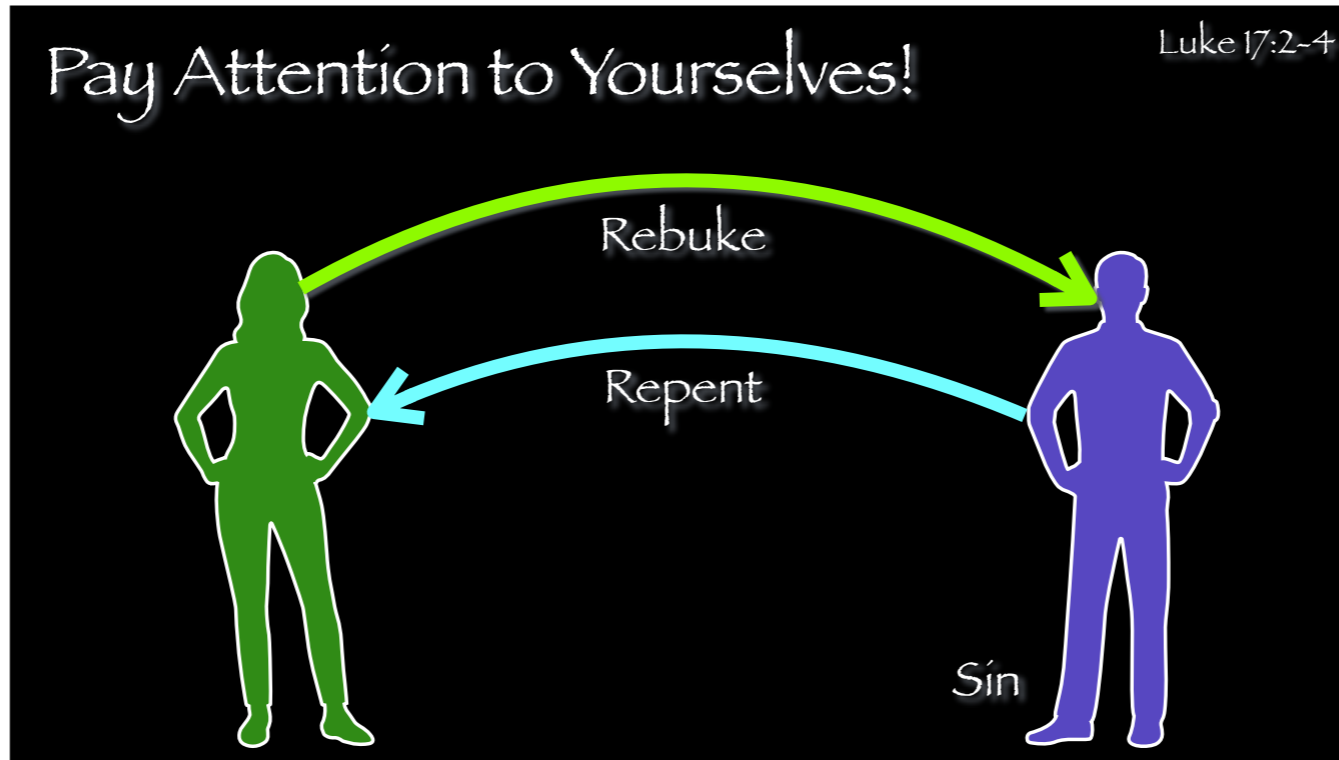
- Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV) 1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.



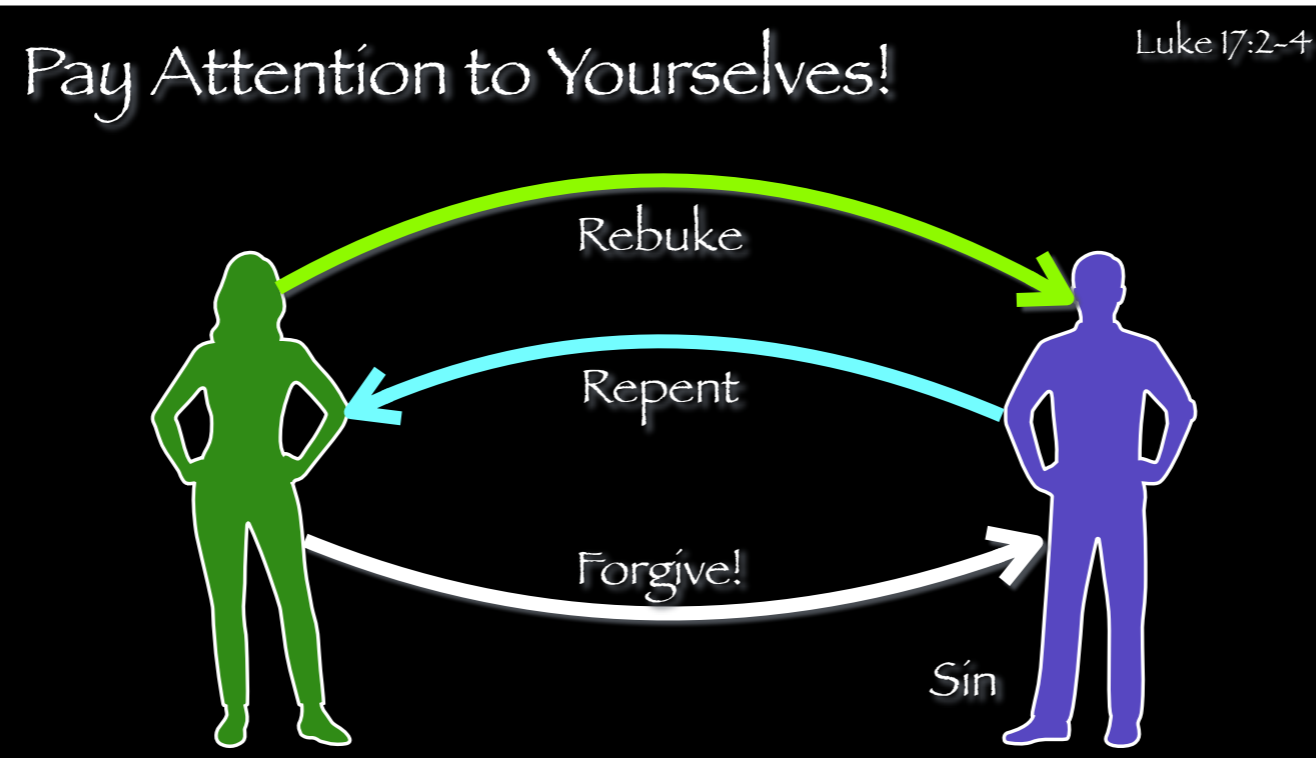
- Bear One Another's burdens
 - Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



- Clearly, the purpose of our rebuke must be focused on the sinner in order to help him, restore him, bring him back to a right relationship with Jesus and with brethren.
- This must be done gently, humbly, purposefully, prayerfully.
- How can I help my brother?
- Pay Attention to Yourself!



- if he repents
 - no conditions are placed on determining the quality, or authenticity of the repentance.
 - in fact, this may be a place of great danger
- Pay Attention to Yourself!



- 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."
- We certainly struggle with forgiving repeated sins even when someone repents.



- Eighth Plague on Egypt
- Exodus 10:1-11 (ESV) 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD.”
- 3 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me. 4 For if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country, 5 and they shall cover the face of the land, so that no one can see the land. And they shall eat what is left to you after the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours that grows in the field, 6 and they shall fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day.’” Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh.
- 7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?” 8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. But which ones are to go?” 9 Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.” 10 But he said to them, “The LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. 11 No! Go, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that is what you are asking.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.
- Exodus 10:12-20 (ESV) 12 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left.” 13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts. 14 The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again. 15 They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt. 16 Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore, forgive

my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me.” 18 So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the LORD. 19 And the LORD turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt. 20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Is This Repentance?

I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now therefore, **forgive my sin**, please, only this once, and plead with Jehovah your God only to remove this death from me.

Exodus 10:16-17

- Pharaoh's Request: Forgive my Sin
 - Exodus 10:16-17 (ESV) 16 Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me."
- Was this repentance? real repentance? sincere?

Is This Repentance?

I have sinned

I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now therefore, **forgive my sin**, please, only this once, and plead with Jehovah your God only to remove this death from me.

Exodus 10:16-17

- This is not the first time to Pharaoh says “I have sinned”
 - Exodus 9:27 Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “This time I have sinned; the LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong.
 - Exodus 10:17 Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me.”

Is This Repentance?

I have sinned Hastily

I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with Jehovah your God only to remove this death from me.

Exodus 10:16-17

- hastily
 - without much depth of thought?
 - severity of plague required to ask quickly
 - his own counselors turning against him

Is This Repentance?

I have sinned Hastily Only

I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now therefore, **forgive my sin**, please, only this once, and plead with Jehovah your God only to remove this death from me.

Exodus 10:16-17

- Only...
 - only this once
 - only to remove this death from me
- 10:17 a sn **Pharaoh's double emphasis on "only" uses two different words and was meant to deceive.** He was trying to give Moses the impression that he had finally come to his senses, and that he would let the people go. But he had no intention of letting them out.

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Exodus 10:16-17

- Entreat Jehovah your God
 - Why didn't he turn to God himself?
- Repentance?
 - Exodus 10:16-17 (NET Bible Notes - Full Notes) but in all probability what he wants is relief from the consequences of his sin.
 - He pretended to convey to Moses that this was it, that he was through sinning, so he asked for forgiveness "only this time."

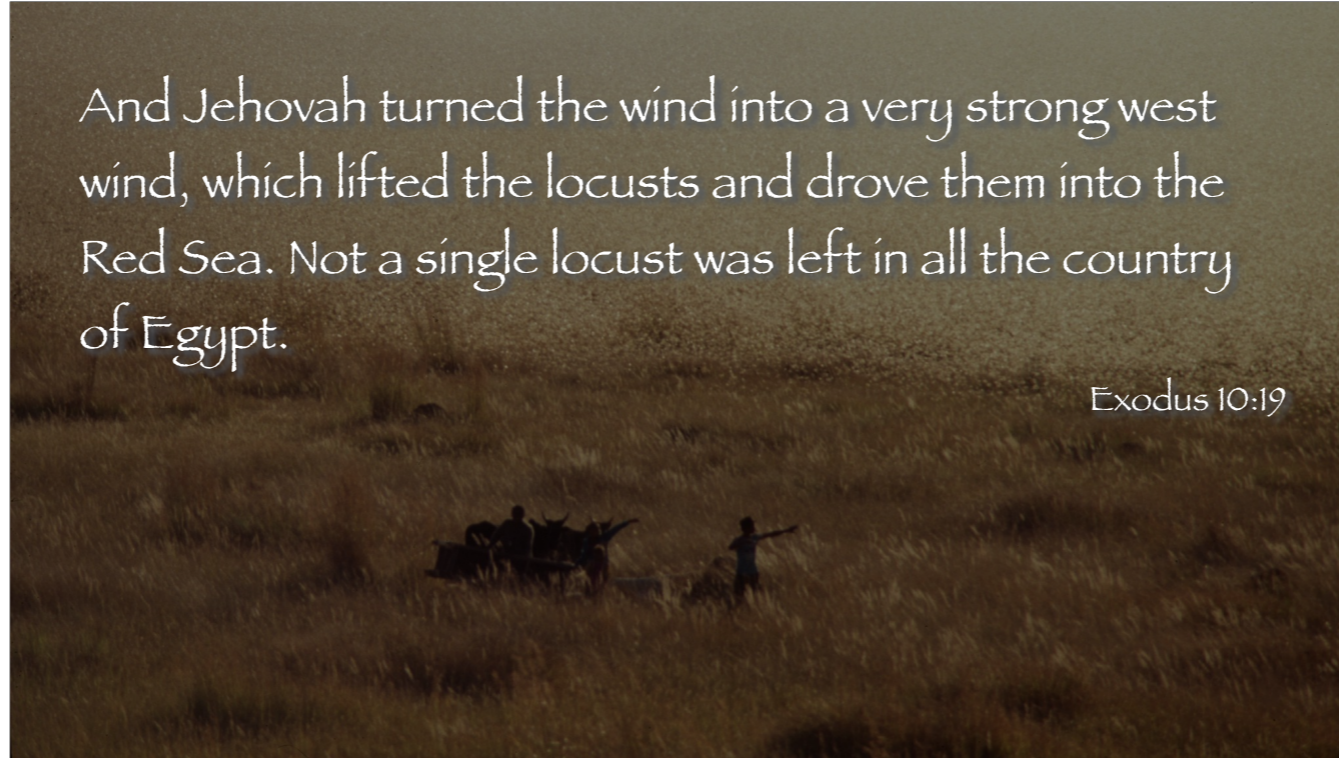
So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with Jehovah.

Exodus 10:18

- Moses
 - Entreated Jehovah
- Why?
- Would you?
- Moses becomes the example for us to follow.
 - No questioning of Pharaoh.
 - Doesn't seek confirmation.
 - He prays for his enemy.

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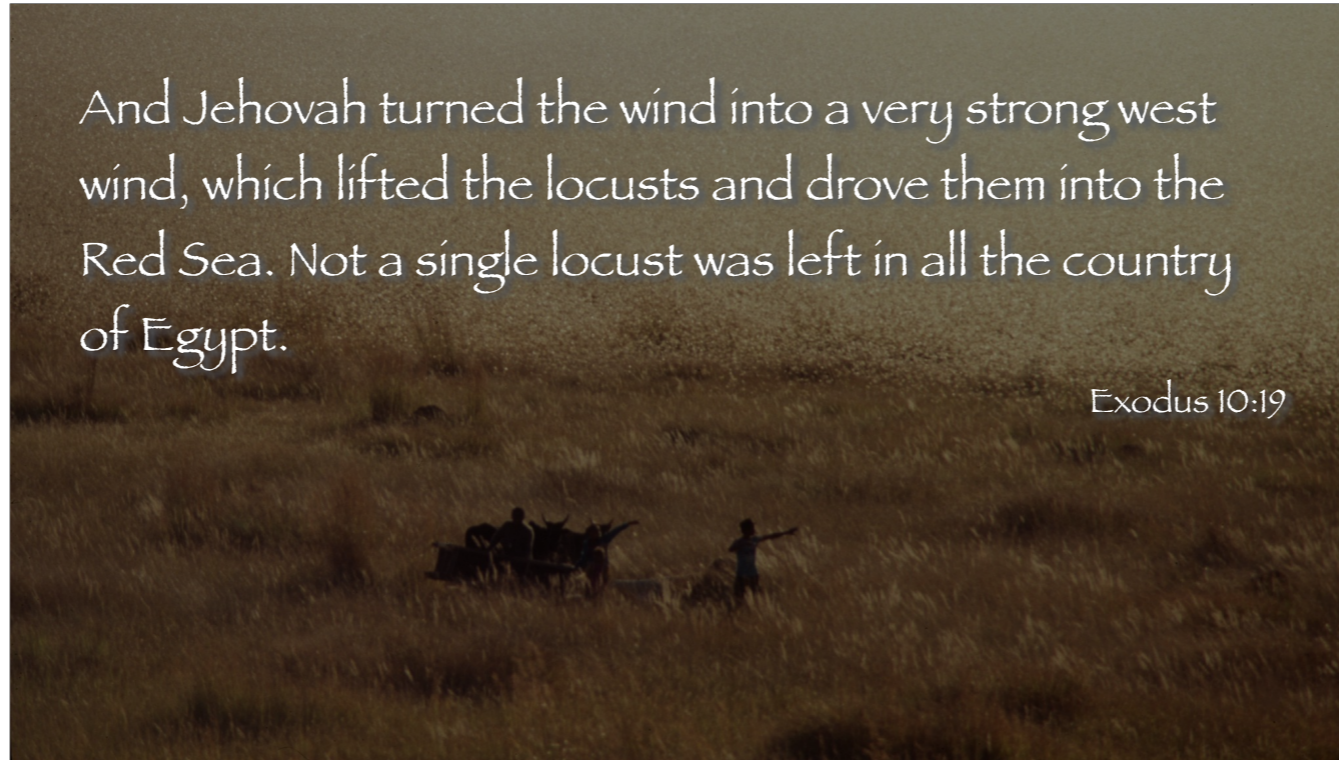
Exodus 10:19



- Jehovah
 - turned wind into a strong west wind
 - drove locusts into the Red Sea
 - not one locust left in all of Egypt
- Did Pharaoh repent?
 - God still responded to request and drove locust out of Egypt.
- Was this forgiveness?
 - Was Jehovah responding to Moses' pleas?

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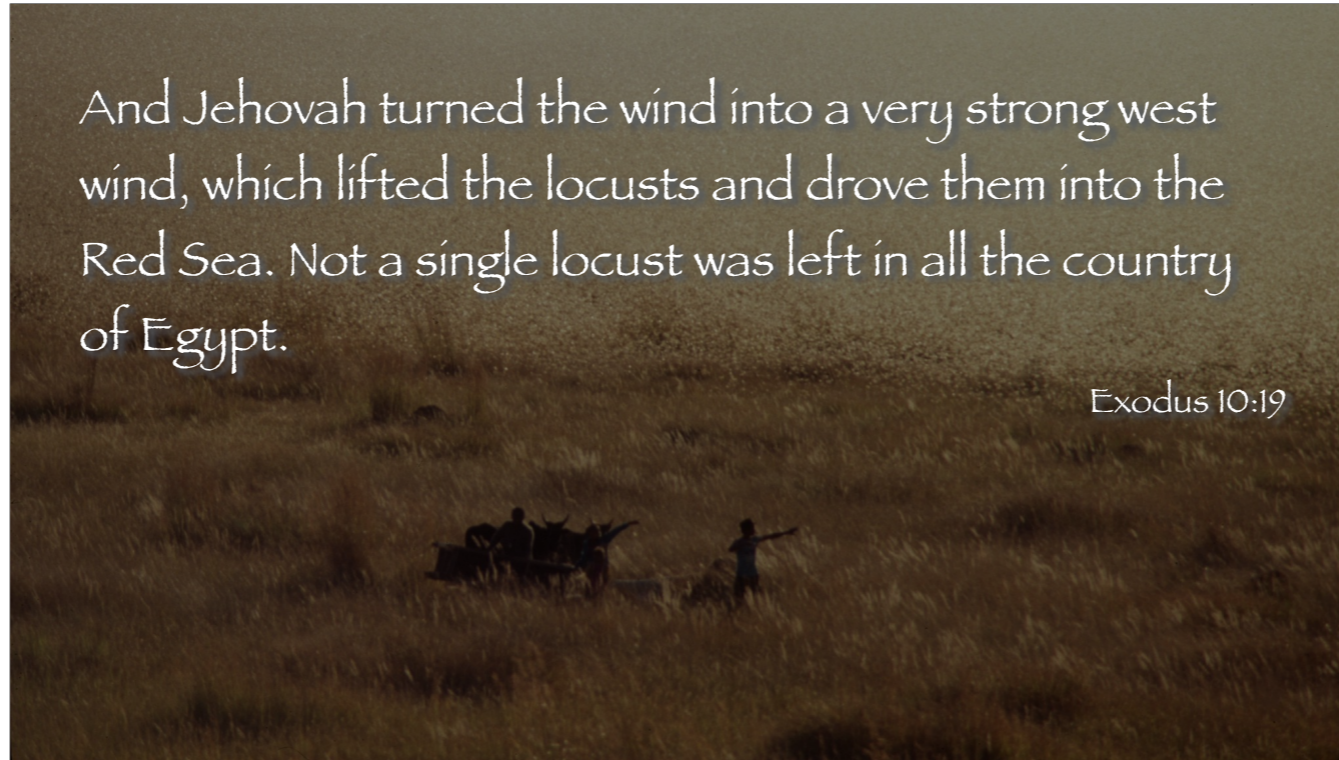
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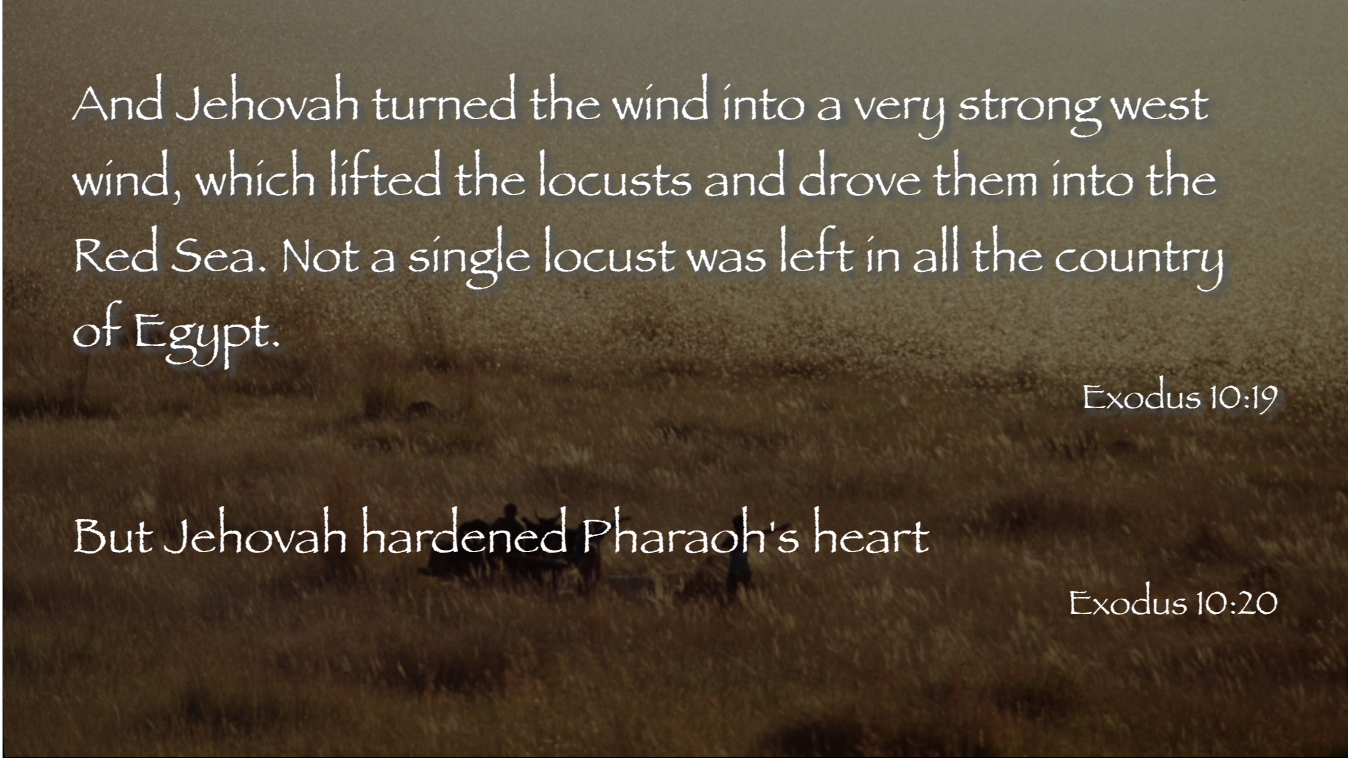
- Or did God do this for some other reason?
 - Exodus 7:5 — The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.”

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Exodus 10:19



- Exodus 10:1-2 —
 - that I may show these signs of mine among them
 - that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have **dealt harshly** with the Egyptians and
 - what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD.”
- Exodus 10:3 — **How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me?**



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Exodus 10:19

But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart

Exodus 10:20

- Jehovah
 - hardened Pharaoh's heart

and he did not let the people of Israel go.
Exodus 10:19

- Pharaoh
 - Didn't let the children of Israel go

Pay Attention to Yourselves!

You must forgive him.

Luke 10:4

- Will you rebuke the sinner, striving to bring him back?
- Will you pray for the one who sins? (Moses)
- Will you treat the sinner with kindness? (Jehovah)
- Will you forgive, and forgive repeatedly when necessary?

Pay Attention to Yourselves!

You must forgive him.

Luke 10:4

Increase our faith!

Luke 10:5

- Luke 17:5-6 (ESV) 5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
- Why do the Apostles ask for an increase in faith?
 - Why not love? devotion? relationship?
- When I forgive another it ultimately shows that I trust God: both to forgive and do what is best.
 - This is why Moses was willing to pray for the Pharaoh.
 - When I’m struggling with forgiving another
 - instead of trying to trust my own (faulty, inadequate) knowledge and judgment.
 - Pay attention to yourselves!
 - trust God!
 -

Will Jehovah forgive me?

YES!

- Believe
- Repent
- Be baptized
- Saved
- Forgiveness of your sins

• Will Jehovah forgive me?

- Mark 16:16 — Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- Acts 2:37-39 — Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”
- 1 John 1:9 — If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Will Jehovah forgive me?

YES!

- Confess our sins
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**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Forgive My Sin

Exodus 10:12-20

Synopsis: When the Pharaoh asks Moses to pray that Jehovah forgive him, Moses intercedes and the plague stops. In this lesson we'll consider our struggle with repentance and forgiveness and consider the importance of faith for forgiving.

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