

~ **DARE TO DISCIPLINE** ~

Matthew 18:15-35 – continued from last week

INTRODUCTION: The remainder of chapter 18 deals with the subject of discipline in the family of God (18:15-35). Verses 15-20 look at the proper procedure in dealing with those who wrong us. Sinning against a brother or sister is a matter of great concern to God. The Church is His family. The sinning individual is a "brother" – a genuine believer in Jesus Christ. He is one over whom the angels watch – He is one for whom Christ died – he is one for whom God loves and has willed shall never perish (18:10-14). Jesus = dealing with "family matters" – discipline within the family. Show me children that experience no discipline in the home and I'll show you children I don't want to be around. If all Christians were perfect there would be no need for verses 15-20. But unfortunately we do fail and sin; and there do come times when a family member needs to come under loving and caring discipline. That's what we are dealing with in the passage before us last week and today.

A. SEEK BROTHERLY RECONCILIATION - 18:15

1. THE PRIVATE REBUKE – 18:15
2. THE PLURAL REBUKE – 18:16
3. THE PUBLIC REBUKE – 18:17a

B. EXERCISE CHURCH DISCIPLINE – 17b

C. RECOGNIZE BIBLICAL _____ - 18:18-19

1. AUTHORITY TO _____ – 18:18a

2. AUTHORITY TO _____ – 18:18b

3. AUTHORITY TO _____ – 18:19-20