

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I have a friend who tells a story of personal regret. He knew a man who began to act suspiciously a number of years ago. There was evidence that he was involved in some kind of sin. But my friend lacked the courage to go and talk with this fellow. Sure enough, as time passed, it was proven that the man was indeed living in sin, and his sinful failure brought great shame to himself, his family and the church. My friend says today, sadly, “Perhaps things would have been different if I’d had the courage to confront him.”

Nobody enjoys confrontation. However, confrontation is the responsibility of every Christian. It has nothing to do with your personality bent or whether or not the person is open to what you have to say. Confrontation is a part of the Christian life.

That’s why the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians chapter 6, verse 1; “Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, each one looking to yourself, lest you, too, be tempted.”

In other words, “Please don’t let people sin without saying anything.” Paul doesn’t want us to get in their faces, and he doesn’t want us to be hypocritical. So he says in essence, “Keep these three guidelines in mind. Number one, make sure it’s sin, that’s the issue. Number two, you must have a growing, humble relationship with the Lord yourself. Number three, restoration is the goal. It’s not to tell someone off or to straighten them out. You love them; you want them to get back in fellowship with the Lord and the body of Christ.

Here’s what I want you to remember today. Confrontation is never easy, but the restoration of a brother or sister in Christ is worth overcoming the fear of rejection.