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1 Corinthians 5:1-5
**Immoral, Arrogant & No Mourning
Discipline Needed**

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Shocking Immorality Tolerated

1 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)
It is **actually reported** that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is **not tolerated even among pagans**, for a man has his father's wife.

- Immorality is *porneia* which is a general term for sexual sin (here Paul specifies)
- Literally 'woman of the father' (Lev. 18:8)
- "Actually is heard in you" begins the sentence and shows Paul's abhorrence

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Pride in the Face of Evil

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.

- The 1st key word shows their bad attitude
- The 2nd key word describes what should be
- The 3rd prescribes what should happen
- Puffed up; should mourn (but are not)
- Purpose: lifted up from your midst

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Paul Speaks With Authority

1 Corinthians 5:3 (ESV)
For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, **I have already pronounced judgment** on the one who did such a thing.

- The apostle speaks authoritatively for God
- The church had failed to act but they must
- Social standing is likely the issue
- People with 'clout' get by with behavior that others would not

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The Gathered Church

1 Corinthians 5:4 (ESV)
When you are assembled **in the name of the Lord Jesus** and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

- "In the name of the Lord" is the key phrase and is the first phrase in the Greek
- "Assembled" is *sunago* "having been brought together" passive participle
- As Paul's letter is read he is 'present'

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Discipline With Saving Purpose

1 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV)
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.

- Flesh and spirit here are not anatomical but spheres of existence
- Key verbs: 'deliver' ... 'might be saved'
- Satan is the agency
- The day of the Lord is the final judgment

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Implications and Applications

- The purpose of church discipline is to provide motivation for the offender to return from the sphere of Satan to that of Christ and His own.

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Domain Transfer Has Implications

Acts 26:18 (NASB)

to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

- Back under Satan: darkness, bondage and no eternal inheritance
- Church discipline is a wakeup call!

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Judas the Betrayer

Luke 22:3-5 (NASB)

And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money.

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Peter Will Repent

Luke 22:31-32 (NASB)

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

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