

WHAT *does it mean*
to FOLLOW JESUS?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 18:1–20

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to have

TENDER & TOUGH

LOVE

for each other.

JESUS COMMANDS OUR TENDER LOVE
FOR EACH OTHER (verses 1-14)

- 1. We must not discourage
humble disciples among us
from continuing
in their discipleship.*

HOW WE SHOW TENDER LOVE:

- *Don't seek greatness over others* (1 – 4).
- *Don't cause other disciples to abandon their commitment* (5 – 10).
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- *Don't ignore other disciples when they stray* (12 – 14).

“Punishment...is in store for those who turn *little ones* from Christ’s way—be they university professors, torturers enforcing Islamic law or gossipers within the church.”

Craig Keener, *Matthew* [on 18:6–7]

JESUS COMMANDS OUR TOUGH LOVE
FOR EACH OTHER (verses 15-20)

*2. We must not allow
rebellious disciples among us
to continue in their rebellion.*

HOW WE SHOW TOUGH LOVE TO EACH OTHER:

- IN PURSUIT OF REPENTANCE:
personal confrontation (15)
- IF NO REPENTANCE,
small group confrontation (16)
- IF NO REPENTANCE,
church-wide confrontation (17)
- IF NO REPENTANCE,
exclusion from the church (17)

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