

## **WHAT ARE WE TO DO CONCERNING A SINNING BROTHER?**

Jesus reveals how He goes after His straying Sheep

**Matt 18:11-20**

- I. *REVIEW*: RECOGNIZE HOW VALUABLE TRUE BELIEVERS ARE TO CHRIST AND TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY (1-10)**
  
- II. RECOGNIZE JESUS GOES AFTER HIS PRECIOUS SHEEP WHO STRAY (SIN) (11-14)**
  
- III. UNDERSTAND HOW JESUS SEEKS THOSE WHO STRAY: Through His Church (this is what we call church discipline) (15-20)**
  - a. The 4 step earthly process explained (15-17)**
    - i. Go and reprove privately (15)
  
    - ii. If they don't listen, bring one or two more witnesses (16-17a)
  
    - iii. If they don't listen, tell it to the church (17b)
  
    - iv. If they don't listen, treat them as outsiders (17b- 18)
  
  - b. The Heavenly Authority behind the earthly process (18-20)**
  
- IV. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES AND EXCEPTIONS**
  - a. The sinning brother in Corinth who repented (1Cor. 5, 2 Cor. 2)
  
  - b. Those who cause divisions, factions and hindrances (Rom 16:17-18, Tit 3:10-11)