

KEY THOUGHTS

- There are so many benefits to relationships with people, but in any lasting relationship, hazardous things happen. People think the wrong ways, do the wrong things, and are driven by the wrong motives. What do we do?
- We have 3 general options when those around us are in the wrong:
 - **Do nothing.** For those who follow Jesus, this is rarely the option. The word for "fellowship", found in Acts 2:42, is koinonia. It's a business word meaning partnership. We are partners with each other, so doing nothing makes no sense. IT IS our business.
 - **Make a point.** The emphasis here is simply letting the other person know they're in the wrong. "Check it off. I've done my part." But there's a better way..
Make a difference. The emphasis here is correction and realignment. This is harder, takes longer, and has no guarantees. But it's the Biblical model.
- The example of Apollos (Acts 18:24-26): The intelligent, influential, bold teacher had some gaps in what he was teaching. Priscilla and Aquila took the risk and corrected him.
- The example of Peter (Gal. 2:11-21): Peter, who had led, instructed, and approved of Paul, was now acting incorrectly and being a stumbling block to those Paul was ministering to. Paul opposed him to his face.
- Another example of Peter (Mark 8:31-33): Peter had just proclaimed, first among the apostles to do so, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God to redeem the world. But then he rebuked Jesus for saying that He would suffer and be crucified. Jesus not only corrected Peter, but did so in an extremely harsh manner. But it worked!
- Why didn't Jesus just let it go? Simple mistake! One word: KOINONIA. Because there is a partnership and Jesus was building something majestic.

SCRIPTURES

- Acts 2:42
- Acts 18:24-26
- Gal. 2:11-21
- Mark 8:31-33

PRACTICAL & REFLECT

Some things I need to do:

- 1. In those situations in life where conflicts arise, I should pause to truly ask, what does Jesus compel me to do?
- 2. What I need to do is influenced by my relationship with Jesus, their relationship with Jesus, and our relationship with each other.
- 3. This all falls apart if what we talk about next week isn't present. So listen in!