

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 18

August 14, 2022

Turtles, Fenceposts and Community: Conflict Resolution

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I. Introduction: Why All These Signs?

II. Recap of Last Week

A. **ah LAY loan** means:

B. Love as Jesus loved us

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2. _____
3. _____

III. Matthew 18

A. The context: Lost Sheep and Restoration

B. ***“If your brother or sister sins against you. . .***

C. ***go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one***

D. ***But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses***

E. ***If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church***

F. ***and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector***

IV. Practical Applications

Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant. . . do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (Romans 12)