

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH LORTON

## Framing Correction with God's Grace

### 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

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When we communicate correction to a believer, we should *first* wisely communicate God's grace in Jesus.

*Giving correction isn't easy, but it's Biblical (e.g. Prov. 19:25; Matt 18:15-17; Gal. 2:11), it's loving (i.e. Rev. 3:19), and it's restorative (e.g. Gal. 6:1-2; Jam. 5:19-20).*

### Working Through the Passage

#### 4 Principles to Frame & So Communicate God's Grace in Jesus

##### 1. Make God in Jesus the Focus

*As we think about framing our correction with God's grace in Jesus in view, we must have a God-oriented and Christ-centered perspective.*

##### 2. Remember What God Has Done in Jesus

*If those that we are bringing correction to are genuine believers in Jesus, there're many true things about them, not because of anything they did, but because of what God has done for them in Christ Jesus. These gospel truths should shape their thinking and should shape their hope and motivation for change.*

### 3. Show What God is Doing in Jesus

*We will motivate others by grace when we help them to see what God is doing in Jesus in their lives.*

### 4. Point Forward to What God Will Do in Jesus

*As we communicate God's grace in Christ to them, we must point them forward to what God will do in them. We want to very explicitly root their confidence for sustaining and changing, not in themselves, but in God.*

### Questions to Consider

1. More often than not, what does it look like for you to give correction? Are you quick to give correction? Are you slow to give correction? Why do you think that is?
2. Do you tend to pursue giving correction because you want that person to experience grace for change or because they irritate or have offended you?
3. Why is it important for God's grace to *precede* correction?
4. More often than not, would you say that before you've ever said a word of correction, that you've made that person aware of your thankfulness for what God has done, is doing, and will do in their lives? If not, why?
5. Do you struggle to give thanks to God for the people you seek to give correction to? Why or why not? How do you think you can grow in this?
6. When someone sees you coming, are they thinking, "Oh man, I feel criticism and correction coming"? Or "There might be something tough coming, but I know I'll be loved and shown God's grace"?
7. Would you say that you are more aware of God's grace in people's lives or areas of deficiencies? Explain why that is. How can you grow in being more aware of God's grace in other's lives?

### Book Recommendations

*The Peace Maker* by Ken Sande  
*Side by Side* by Edward Welch