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KEEP EACH OTHER ON TRACK - 'CORRECTION'

JAMES 5: 19 - 20, TITUS 3:10

Read James 5:19-20: Is this passage relevant to us today? How often is it practised within the church community?

Allan talks about us using positive & negative emotions (challenges) to correct fellow Christians & foster their sense of belonging within the church.

In the case of Negative Emotional Challenges: In a shame culture people will want to restore their honour. What others think about you matters - but that's not so much the case these days.

In today's (Western society's) guilt culture, the important question is what I think about my behavior. If we feel shame but not guilt then we are pushed away. That's why it's a difficult issue.

You may wish to discuss the above.

Read Titus 3:10: How is Paul's advice more applicable to a 'Shame' culture of the early church time (and some cultures today) and less applicable to a (Western) 'Guilt' culture of today?

Do you know of people pushed away from family and the church? How might we go about restoring them and how might we seek the Lord's help in what is often tricky situations?

Positive Emotion Challenges:

We can use positive emotion to draw people into the Kingdom experience. How does Col 3:16 suggest we do this and how was it enacted during Sunday's service? How did it feel and what do you learn from this?

As a reminder: 'God is here, God is here: He is able; He is faithful'

How can we catch people doing right? Do you have any examples within the church community?

Who in your world (church and non church) is disconnected? Is there anything you can do to help? How might you pray for them?