

F. _____ a Culture of Grace
and Forgiveness

*“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”
(2 Corinthians 12:9)*

G. _____ Personally With the People

*“Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.”
(2 Corinthians 12:14–15)*

CONCLUSION: _____



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“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3–4)

INTRODUCTION: _____

1. _____ Churches Make When
They Are Hurting

A. Misplaced _____ Fracture
the Fellowship

“Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 1:12)

B. Mis-defined _____ Excuses Sin in the
Name of Grace

*“And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.”
(1 Corinthians 5:2)*



C. Mismanaged _____
Exposes Immaturity

"Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? 2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. 5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers." (1 Corinthians 6:1-6)

D. Misused _____
Mask Deeper Wounds

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

E. Mishandled _____ Leaves the
Repentant Isolated

"But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow." (2 Corinthians 2:5-7)

F. Mistaken _____ on Performance Is
Not Wise

"Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: 9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. 10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. 11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present. 12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with

some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:7-12)

G. Misjudged _____ Silences Voices

"For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." (2 Corinthians 10:10)

2. Marks of a _____ Leader in a Hurting Church

A. _____ Core Biblical Values

"Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:13)

B. _____ With Love, Not
With Anger

"What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?" (1 Corinthians 4:21)

C. _____ Sin Clearly, Not Cruelly

"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." (1 Corinthians 5:2,13)

D. _____ and Restore the Repentant

"Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him." (2 Corinthians 2:6-8)

E. _____ to Transparent and
Vulnerable Leadership

"For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;" (2 Corinthians 7:5-6)