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## Irresistible Faith: Belonging to an Irresistible Community (Part 2)

God has called each of us into the role of watching each other's backs and calling each other back to the way of Jesus, so that we can become the community God intends us to be.

Let's look at 5 attributes of corrective conversations that will bless our church:

### **#1 Corrective conversations are intended by God to help us grow.**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### **#2 Corrective conversations should actually be appreciated.**

*Psalms 141:5, Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it...*

### **#3 Corrective conversations start with correcting ourselves.**

*Matthew 7:1-5, 1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

### **#4 Corrective conversations are to be handled gently.**

*Galatians 6:1-2, 1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

### **#5 Corrective conversations are to be had privately.**

*Matthew 18:15, 15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.*

*Proverbs 27:5-6, 5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

"The cultivation of irresistible faith requires from us a level of humility that invites others to resist us whenever we get out of step with the gospel." (Scott Sauls)