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Today's Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Growth in the Christian life occurs as we invest in three important relationships: with God, with fellow Christians, and with those still not in relationship with Christ.

Investing in those relationships means that we examine how we handle them now and how we intend to handle them in the future under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Today we want to think about those times in which a fellow believer has said or done something that offends us.

1. Managing relationships has to do with _____.

The context of Jesus' words (vv. 3-14) provides a _____ and a _____ about the power people have in their relationships.

The power of _____ is always being displayed.

The power of _____ is an eternal matter.

"She Said WHAT?"

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2. Persons who have been _____ also have power.

That power can be used to _____ or to _____ relationship.

The use of this power is not a _____ concern; it involves the _____.

3. When wronged Christians _____ their supposed _____.

We are given a procedure to follow:

- a. _____; this _____ the offender. If this fails, . . .
- b. _____. This protects both parties; if it fails, . . .
- c. _____. If this fails, recognize the offender as _____.

4. When carried out in this way, we can be assured of _____.