

# “Stale Bread”

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Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*1 Corinthians 5:1-13*

**DO:** In matters of discipline do you tend to be too judgmental, too permissive, inconsistent or helpful? Explain. Do you need to confront sin in your own life?

**BIG IDEA:** Authentic Christians confront sin.

*“Don’t you know that a little leaven  
leavens the whole batch of dough?”  
1 Corinthians 5:6b (CSB)*

☞ **Authentic Christians grieve sin.** (v1-2)

☞ **Authentic Christians judge sin.** (v3-5)

☞ **Authentic Christians eradicate sin.** (v6-13)

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**READ:** 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

**THINK:** Think of the implications of confronting sin in the Church, then ask yourself these questions: *How does Paul’s view of this situation differ from that of the Corinthians (v2, 6)? How would you paraphrase what Paul tells them to do (v3-5)? If you were a member of the Church at Corinth, how would you explain to your pagan neighbor why this man had been expelled (v5)? From the yeast imagery (v6-8), what is Paul’s concern if this situation is allowed to go unaddressed without discipline? How is this consistent with the “new bread” they have become (v7-8)? Why is there a difference between the way Christians relate to those outside the faith and the way they relate to believers (v9-11)? How do you reconcile Paul’s teaching here with that in 4:3-5? What is the point of each passage?*