



## DIFFICULT PEOPLE – 4 OF 4

### Hypocritical People

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<sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: <sup>8</sup>“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” --Matthew 15:7-8 NIV

hupokrites (hoop-ok-ree-tace’); an actor; stage-player, one who hides behind a mask, hypocrite.

### HOW DID JESUS HANDLE HYPOCRISY?

<sup>23</sup>“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”<sup>24</sup>You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.” --Matthew 23:23-24 NIV

1. JESUS **CONFRONTED** HYPOCRISY.

2. JESUS MAJORED ON THE **MAJORS**.

### HOW DO WE CONFRONT?

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. --Galatians 6:1-2 NIV

1. CONFRONT WITH **CAUTION**.

<sup>1</sup>...restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. --Galatians 6:1 NIV

2. CONFRONT WITH THE GOAL OF **RESTORATION**.

restore: katartizo (kat-ar-tid’-zo); to perfectly repair; make better than new.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup>remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins. --James 5:19-20 NIV

3. CONFRONT WITH **COMMITMENT**.

<sup>2</sup>Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 NIV

carry: bastazo (bas-tad’-zo); to lift, to sustain, take up.

### WHAT IF YOU ARE THE HYPOCRITE?

<sup>5</sup>David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup>He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” <sup>7</sup>Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!” --2 Samuel 12:5-7 NIV

**you are the man: attah iysh**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. --Psalm 51:10-12 NIV