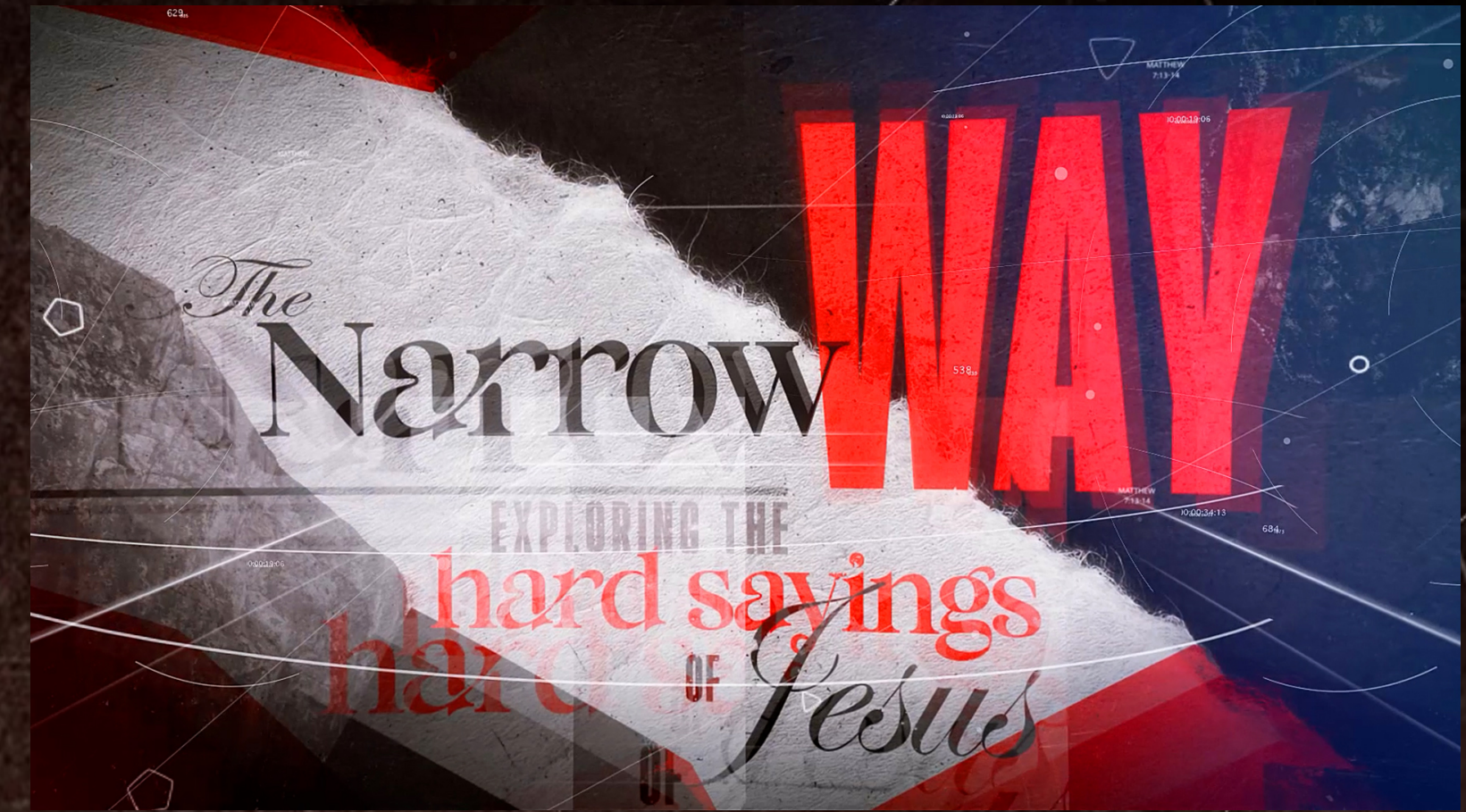


# The Narrow Way

Week 4

Don't Judge



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## Theme Verse for the Series:

**Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For **the gate is narrow and the way is hard** that leads to life, and those who find it are few.**

*Matthew 7:13-14 ESV*



# **Week 4 – Don't Judge**



**“Judge not,** that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and **with the measure you use** it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice **the log that is in your own eye?**”



Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? **You hypocrite**, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



**Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not  
throw your pearls before pigs, lest they  
trample them underfoot and turn to attack  
you.”**

*Matthew 7:1-6 ESV*



# **Our Culture**

- **Collapse of Shared Moral Authority**
- **Therapeutic Self-Esteem Movement**
- **Rise of Extreme Individualism**
- **Social Media Amplifies Outrage**
- **Pluralism & Fear of Intolerance**
- **Victim Culture**
- **Judging Actions & People are the Same**



# **Jesus' Culture**

**Sermon on the Mount: From External Compliance to the Heart**

**Environment of Religious Hypocrisy**



# Human Reality

**We All Regularly Judge**



# 1. Assess the Standard

**Judge not**, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce **you will be judged**, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

*Matthew 7:2 ESV*



**Judge** – To form a critical opinion of something (either positive or negative) by examination or scrutiny; The habit of sharp unjust criticism.



**We judge according to the behavior of others,  
but wish to be judged according to our  
internal motives.**



## 2. Assess the Self

Why do you see the **speck that is in your brother's eye**, but do not notice the **log that is in your own eye**? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

*Matthew 7:3-5 ESV*



**Why do you pass judgment on your brother? ...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.**

*Romans 14:10, 12 ESV*



### 3. Assess the Subject

Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not **throw your pearls before pigs**, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

*Matthew 7:6 ESV*



**Big idea: do not give something valuable to  
those who cannot appreciate it.**



**Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you.**

*Proverbs 9:7-8 ESV*



# 1. Handle All Situations With Humility

**“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**

*James 4:6 ESV*



**Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?**

*James 4:11-12 ESV*



**God is looking for men and women in whose  
hands His glory is safe.**

*A. W. Tozer*



**For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not **those inside the church** whom you are to judge? God judges those outside.**

*1 Corinthians 5:12-13 ESV*



**Until a man is nothing, God can make nothing  
out of him.**

*Martin Luther*



## 2. Speak The Truth In Love

Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

*Ephesians 4:15 ESV*



### 3. Be Open To Correction

**The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.**

*Proverbs 15:31-32 ESV*



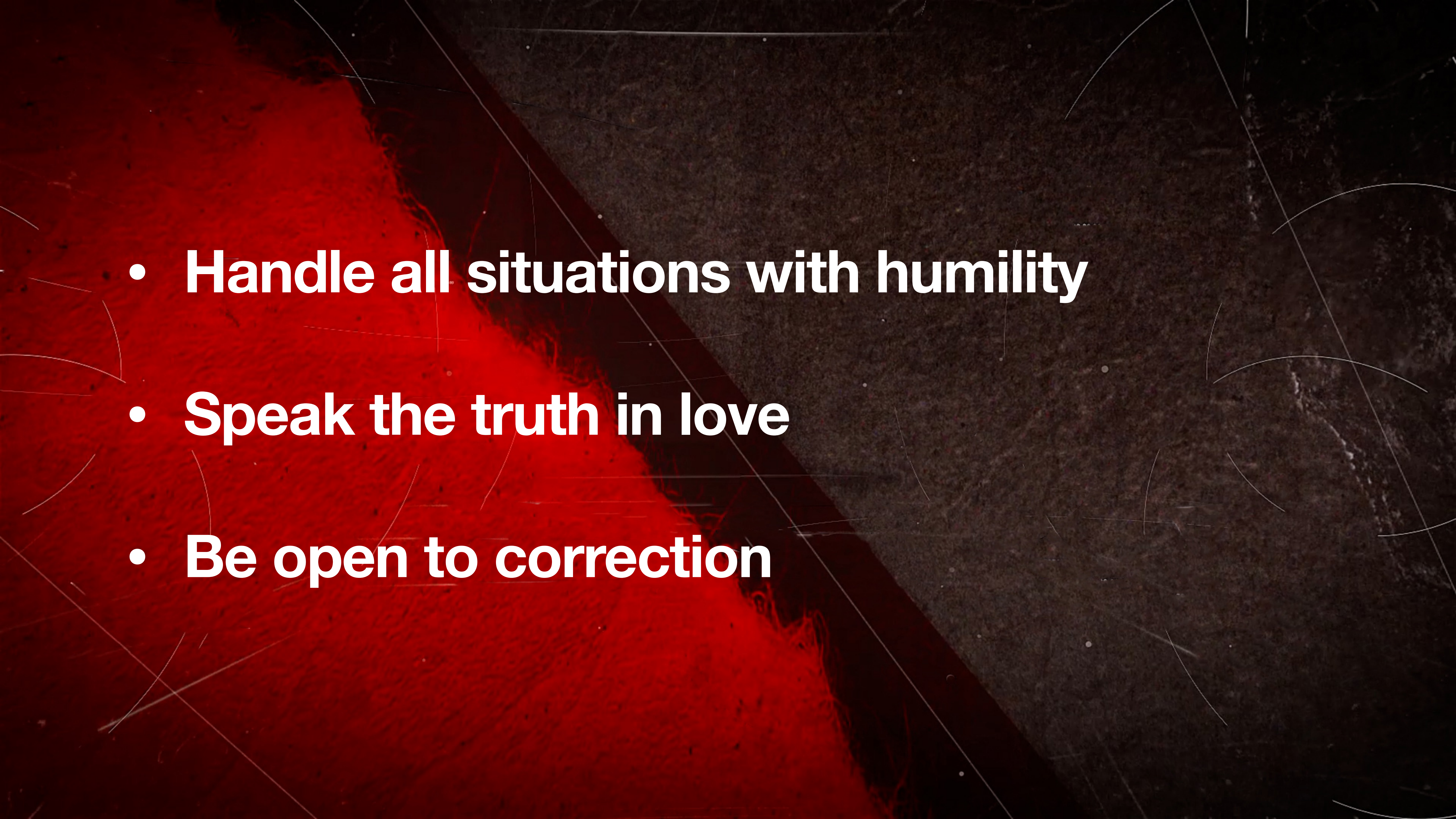
**Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is the rebuke of a wise judge to a listening ear.**

*Proverbs 25:12 NIV*







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- **Handle all situations with humility**
  - **Speak the truth in love**
  - **Be open to correction**