



Title: "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"

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Text: 1 Cor. 5: 9-11

Synopsis: Too often we have heard it said of a church or a pastor "they are so legalistic" only to find out that the only thing that made that church or that pastor legalistic was that they confronted a person in an area of sin. After all, didn't Jesus say, "do not judge or you to will be judged?" So I guess that means we are just supposed to keep our mouths shut right?

But is that really compassionate to my brother or sister? Is it compassionate for me to remain silent when I know that somebody I love is engaging in an activity that is destructive to themselves or to others? But if I say something, am I being legalistic?

Speaking to those we love about sin is hard but it is the compassionate thing to do. Paul reminds us in Galatians 6 to "carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfill the of law Christ." Sin is a heavy load for a person to bear. I don't want to carry it and I don't want my brother to carry it. I want to help him bear his burden by helping him unload it. After all, he ain't heavy, he's my brother.