

*"If anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him"* [Galatians 6:1]

### I. Danger: we may be (or may become) \_\_\_\_\_ in sin

A. What is the sin being addressed here?

*"If anyone is caught in any transgression" – fill in the blank*

A besetting sin--a practice, an attitude, a false understanding of God

*"People live lives of quiet \_\_\_\_\_"*

B. What does it mean to be "caught" in a transgression?

Weighed down---trapped---paralyzed – in " \_\_\_\_\_ "

*"The trap of the devil, who has taken them \_\_\_\_\_ to do his will."* [II Tim. 2:26]

There is a helplessness that requires \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Caution for would-be rescuers

This is not referring to elite, "first-string" believers

A. The rescuer is not exempt from \_\_\_\_\_

*"Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted"* [1b]

*"There but for the grace of God go I"*

B. " \_\_\_\_\_ " is a very dangerous place to stand!

*"If anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself"* [3]

Self-\_\_\_\_\_ will keep us from having a Christ like, servant-heart

Ironic danger: The \_\_\_\_\_ may be the one who needs rescuing!

C. First: mind your own \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor."* [4]

Paul is discouraging self-congratulation based on \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Essentials for would-be rescuers

A. Restore

The term used for setting a dislocated bone back into place.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the rescue

*"Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe rebuke that calls a brother back from the path of sin."* [Dietrich Bonhoeffer]

C. Restore in a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_

D. Mercy \_\_\_\_\_ over judgment [James 2:13]

*"I pray that we can continue to cultivate an atmosphere where love is so great that we take the breakdown of sin seriously and serve each other as merciful mechanics."* [John Piper]

E. \_\_\_\_\_ is the soil in which Gospel rescuing flourishes – on both sides

*"The shared experience of grace for the \_\_\_\_\_"* [Ray Ortlund]

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ is our hope

A. We all need intervention!

*"If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?"* {Ps. 130:3}

When we were caught in our sin, Jesus did everything to rescue us

B. Friends bring friends to Jesus

C. Friends \_\_\_\_\_ the life of Jesus in all their friendships

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* [Eph 4:32]