



Healing Your Church Hurt

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Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

What is Church Hurt?

Church Hurt is defined as emotional or physical pain felt by someone inflicted by the words, actions, or inactions of a person of leadership in a church or any person who represents the church.

"The church is meant to be a community of people who are helping each other grow closer to God."
--Purple Book

Why Should We Love the Church?

- Jesus is the head of the church (Eph 5)
- Jesus gave his life for the church (Eph 5)
- Jesus loves the church (Eph 5)

"The church is the community of all true believers for all time."
--Wayne Grudem

Jesus Was Often Hurt by the Church

1. Jesus was accused of being demon possessed by the church.

Mark 3:22 (NLT)

22 But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's possessed by Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."

2. Jesus was rejected in his own hometown.

Mark 6:3 (NLT)

Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

3. Jesus' closest friends hurt him.

Judas turns him over to the Pharisees (Mark 14)

Peter denies even knowing him, not once, but three times (Mark 14)

4. The church delivered Jesus to be tortured and killed.

Mark 15:1 (NLT)

1 Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

How Do We Heal?

1. Right-Size Our _____

2. Choose _____

Romans 12:18 (NLT)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Hebrews 12:14 (NLT)

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

3. Choose _____

Matthew 6:14–15 (NLT)

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

4. Connect to the _____ of the Local Church

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV84)

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

"You will never heal if you let hurt become your identity." (Mattie Montgomery)

Recommended Resource:

Healing Your Church Hurt by Stephen Mansfield

ANSWERS: 1. EXPECTATIONS 2. PEACE 3. FORGIVENESS 4. MISSION