When Another Christian Mistreats You
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

1 Corinthians 6:1 (ESV)
When one of you has a grievance against another …

1. **Resolve the issue within the body of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 6:1 (ESV)
When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

1 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV)
Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

1 Corinthians 6:3 (ESV)
Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

1 Corinthians 6:4 (ESV)
So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church?

1 Corinthians 6:5 (ESV)
I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,

2. **Remember the church’s testimony.**

1 Corinthians 6:6 (ESV)
but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?

1 Corinthians 6:7a (ESV)
To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you.

John 13:34 (ESV)
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Romans 12:10 (ESV)
Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Romans 12:16 (ESV)
Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
1 Corinthians 12:25 (ESV)
that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)
For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Philippians 2:4 (ESV)
Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Colossians 3:13 (ESV)
bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

1 Peter 5:5 (ESV)
Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

3. Relinquish your desire for justice.

1 Corinthians 6:7b (ESV)
Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

Matthew 5:39 (ESV)
But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:40 (ESV)
And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

1 Peter 2:21 (ESV)
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:22 (ESV)
He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

1 Peter 2:23 (ESV)
When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.
4. Recognize who you have become in Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:8 (ESV)
But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

1 Corinthians 6:9 (ESV)
Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,

1 Corinthians 6:10 (ESV)
nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)
And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.