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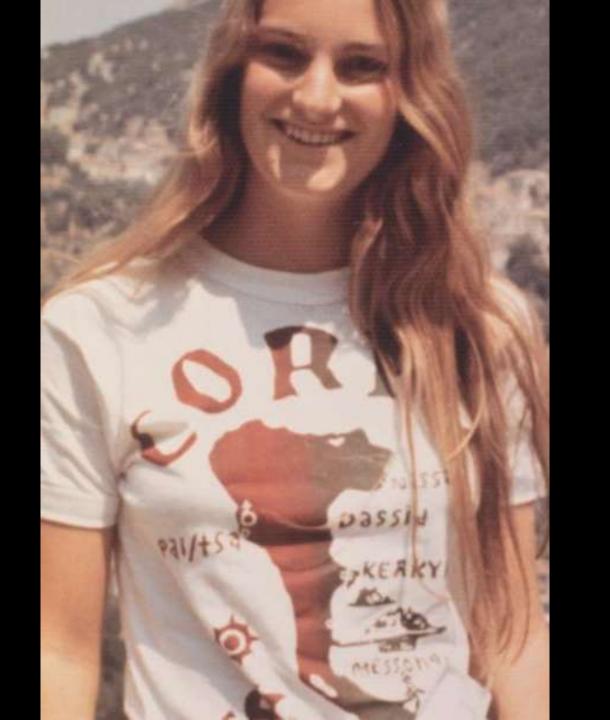






















"I did exactly what we had rehearsed a thousand times and didn't even think about it until it was over when they were running back to the truck. And I just

#### thought, what have I done?"

(Patty Hearst, as quoted in Josh Mankiewicz's article *Kidnapped Heiress: The Patty Hearst Story* on nbcnews.com, July 24, 2009)







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2 CORINTHIANS 2:1-3:6 JANUARY 9, 2022 2 Corinthians 2:1-11 (ESV): "For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. 2 For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? 3 And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all...."

"...4 For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you. 5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure – not to put it too severely – to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive AGADEMIC sorrow..."

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"...8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs."



1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV): "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you."

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#### THE GOAL OF **CORRECTION IS** PROTECTION, NEVER PERFECTION.

MAIN POINT

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV): "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (ESV): "Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? 2 You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. 3 And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Luke 6:6-11 (ESV): "On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' And he rose and stood there. 9 And Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?' 10 And after looking around at them all he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' And he did so, and his hand was restored. 11 But they

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and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus."

Matthew 12:11-12 (ESV): "He said to them, 'Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE Sabbath."

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV): "And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Galatians 5:14 (ESV): "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."





Titus 3:1 (ESV): "Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient."

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#### HEARIT BETTER FROM THE SPIRIT THAN THE LETTER.

#### APPLICATION

Romans 8:2-4 (ESV): "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV): "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church." AGADEMIC

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Matthew 7:12 (ESV): "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Galatians 5:18 (ESV): "But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

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### THE LIFE **NEXT WEEK:**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-4:6

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