

Famously Abused Bible Passages:
“When Two or Three are Gathered...”
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Sermon Text: Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary

He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts

Rest assured this troubadour is acting on His part.

The union of your spirits, here, has caused Him to remain

For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name

There is Love. There is Love.

1. Before the Court and the True Judge

Matthew 18:15–35

Deuteronomy 19:15–19

Christ is promising to be especially when two or three witnesses come before the elders of the church to hear a case. This is the late stage of church discipline.

2. Overlook it in love

Proverbs 19:11

Galatians 5:22–23

James 1:19–20

First Corinthians 13:5

Proverbs 22:24

Luke 17:3–4

Proverbs 17:9

Proverbs 10:12

Proverbs 19:11

1 Corinthians 5:3–5, 12-13

[3] For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. [4] When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, [5] you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

[12] For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? [13] God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.” (ESV)

3. “the prayer of agreement”

Prayer is vital to the Christian life.

Is God still with us when two or three are gathered?

Hebrews 13:5-6

Joshua 1:5

Psalm 37:27-28

2 Corinthians 4:8-9