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1 Corinthians 5:1-8

There are many references to bread in the Bible, as well as its leavening agent, yeast.

Yeast is often used as a metaphor for sin. A little bit of sin can grow rapidly and affect the health of a faith community. The Corinthian church had a problem with a sin that was being tolerated at best, overlooked at worst. Paul reminds the church that sin is destructive and multiplies quickly.

How can the Corinthian church get rid of the sin that has been growing among believers? Paul offers an alternative way to bake bread. Just as the Israelites were instructed before the last plague in Egypt to bake bread without yeast, Paul recommends the church throw out the yeast.

When sin is allowed to ferment and grow, the entire community of faith is affected. It is possible for the church to discern the truth and offer discipline lovingly while keeping sin from rising unchecked in the community. Do you see evidence of the yeast of sin in your church or your life? Get rid of it!

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