

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN: RESTORING OTHERS: EVERY ENCOUNTER IS A THREE-WAY CALL

When a person is caught in his sin, desiring life apart from God, we tend to go to him in one of two extremes: we are either *condemning* or *careless*. These are rooted in the two expressions of a proud heart: (1) stone (*condemning*) or (2) sand (*careless*). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described the *be/do/go* of full surrender. Jesus taught that who we are to *be* (Matthew 5), determines what we are to *do* (Matthew 6), which determines where we are to *go* (Matthew 7). The Master Communicator elaborated on the heart and mannerisms of an effective carrier of His gospel message. Jesus conveyed that we should not go to the world either *condemningly* or *carelessly*; rather, we should go *connectedly* with the Spirit of God in total humility with a heart of clay (Matthew 7:1-12). Consequently, every encounter with another person is a three-way call. When we are connected with God and connected with others, then they are connected with God. Whereas pride brings static on the line, humility offers a clear connection.

### *Navigating Restoration Road*

Whom have you been condemning? Why? How did their behavior fall short of your expectations?

How could you connect your mistakes with the person(s) you condemned, so that you could say, "Me too"?