

# Sailing The 'C's' Of Influence [Part II]

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# Context:

- Immediately after Ac.15
- Paul and Barnabas separated soon after returning to Antioch (Ac.15:36-40)
- How could Peter do this? ...Barnabas?

Danger: may fall in area of strength

At Antioch they bore the original attack

- During interval of Ac.15:35?

## Led to theories . . .

- Clement of Alexandria: different Cephas; this is not Peter.
- Origen: Peter and Barnabas arranged this scene beforehand ... acted it out for instruction of Judaizers.

## Two words of opposition (11)

- **Withstood:** stand against. Ja.4:7; 1 Pt.5:9
  - Peter held satan's position...became his agent.
- **Blamed:** condemned...by his own behavior.



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- **Played hypocrite:** act as hypocrite with another. Lit., to answer from under.
  - Actors spoke under a mask; hid themselves behind role they played.
  - Peter was hiding his real faith.
    - Ac.10-11 – miraculous proof.

Right to eat with Gentiles in Caesarea, but wrong in Antioch?

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- **Lead away with:** passive – be led away.
  - Dt.20:8
  - No one is saved or lost alone.

Public sin requires public exposure

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# Escaped, entangled again, overcome (20)

- **Entangled:** of sheep: wool caught in thorns; of hares.
  - Involved in some activity, as soldier, 2 Tim.2:4.
- **Overcome:** defeated, conquered, subjected (19-20).

POWs became slaves...or worse

# Would have been better... (21)

## Why?

1. Impossible to restore some apostates.  
Hb.6:4-6.
2. Insults Lord – He is lacking, ineffective, worthless. Hb.10:29.
3. Influences others. Nu.13-14.

# Moral lapses are choices (22)

‘as a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly’ – Prov.26:11

- Ahikar
- Balaam
- Bathe a pig...

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VI. Continuation, Rv.2:4-5  
Keep on keeping on

# *Love includes desire*

Ep.5:22-23, 27

Contrast church at Ephesus –

1. Started well, then slumped.
2. Glory in past successes.
3. Still very active and working.
4. Doing everything right...except one.
5. Self-deception: no one's perfect...
6. We're far superior to others.
7. Living on fumes (reputation).
8. We still love – just not as much as before.

Jeremiah  
2:2-5



# What happens: Ac.8:39; 16:...34

Glad, overjoyed...

## “Left” first love

1. Realize
2. Remember
3. Repent
4. Return

Watch yourself.

Others do.

- ◆ Gn.13, Lot in Sodom.
- ◆ 1 Co.15:33, society may corrupt us.
- ◆ 1 Pt.4:4, former friends watch us.
- ◆ Hb.11:4, influence outlives us.