Crisis Redemption Principles

» It is ALWAYS right to pray. (Ephesians 6:18)
» The truth is NEVER the problem. (John 8:32)
» Do EVERYTHING in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14; Colossians 3:14)
» No matter what, make all your conduct worthy of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27-29)
» Bear the burdens of every person involved. (Galatians 6:2)
» Examine your heart motives before taking action. (Mark 7:21-23; Revelation 2:23)
» Love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Peter 4:8)
» Be courageous. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
» Speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15)
» Be alert to the enemy’s schemes. (1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Corinthians 2:11)
» Move damaged relationships toward forgiveness. (Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32)
» Hang in there for the long haul. (Galatians 6:9; 2 Timothy 3:10)
» Leaders who look like Jesus lay down their lives for the sheep. (John 10:11-15; Acts 20:28-31)
» Take a team approach to tough situations. (Philippians 4:1-3; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26)
» Treat “enemies” with compassionate grace. (Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:20)
» Get truly involved in the lives of people. (1 Thessalonians 2:6-12)
» Those in a position to help should take initiative. (Galatians 6:1; Philippians 4:3)
» Consider our witness before a watching world. (1 Peter 2:12; Titus 2:1-14)
» The goal of discipline is restoration. (Matthew 18:15-17; 2 Corinthians 2:5-8)
» Leave ultimate judgment in the hands of the ultimate Judge. (Romans 12:19; 1 Corinthians 4:2-5)
» Beware the path of least resistance; spiritual leadership requires sacrifice. (2 Corinthians 2:4, 6:3-10; Colossians 1:24; 2 Timothy 2:3)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)
Crisis Redemption Plan

**Redeem**

Praise God for the cross of Jesus, and for sovereignly orchestrating a redemptive learning opportunity. Seek to protect and enhance the reputation of God’s people before a watching world; Pursue relational healing through discipline, confession, repentance, forgiveness. Note and share lessons for the future, other churches and believers. Identify and embrace ministry and evangelistic opportunities. Address restitution for substantive offenses.

Seek to honor God’s reputation.

**Pray**
- At ALL times, in ALL circumstances
- As a team
- As individuals

**Minister/Shepherd**
- Offender (s)
- Victim (s)
- Families
- Church family
- Communities

**Document**
- Write an objective synopsis statement: who, what, when, where, how (not why)
- List biblical issues and principles
- Communiqués:
  - Phone calls
  - Conversations
  - E-mails

**Communicate**
- Offender (s)
- Victim (s)
- Families
- Legal entities (law enforcement, attorney, social services, etc.)
- Church family
- Denominational officials
- Insurance agent
- Medical personnel
- Employer/employees
- Objective 3rd party for counsel & perspective

**Helpful Don’ts**
- Don’t give legal advice.
- Don’t cover up or minimize sin.
- Don’t hear only one side of a conflict.
- Don’t jump to conclusions or form premature judgments.
- Don’t hesitate to seek help from those with experience, jurisdiction, or authority.
- Don’t discuss sensitive matters with those who have no “need to know” (gossip).