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TITLE: **How to Speak Gospel to the Cancel Culture**

The "cancel culture" can hit anyone at any time—even you—if you've ever said or done something that a very vocal group of people disagree with. Unfortunately, the Church is not immune to this type of canceling of our own.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about how the Gospel speaks to this...

- 1. To 'cancel' someone in your life is to give up hope,** to believe that their opinion, actions, or sins are beyond the reach of God's redemption. And if that is true for them and their life, then we have effectively limited the work of Jesus on the cross. For them, for others, and for ourselves. Not in truth, but in practice and faith. Our great enemy, Satan, comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus came that we might have life, and have it in fullness. (John 10:10) Let's be sure we're on the right team!
- 2. We have a great defense and Defender who will never leave or forsake us.**
What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ~Romans 8:31-33
- 3. Go back through the 5 Rules for combating the cancel culture in your life.** Ask God to show you who you may have "canceled" in your own life and circles of relationship. Seek forgiveness and restoration with those people. Pray through Matthew 7:12: *"In everything you do, be careful to treat others in the same way you'd want them to treat you, for that is the essence of all the teachings of the Law and the Prophets."*

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~Caesar