



# Closing the Gap:

*Where am I?  
Where do I want to be?*

**A man who remains stiff-necked after  
many rebukes will suddenly be  
destroyed—without remedy.**

**Prov. 29:1**

**My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.**

**Prov. 2:1-11**

## *Shema (Hear)*

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the  
LORD is one. Love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and with all your  
soul and with all your strength.**

**Deut. 6:4-5**

**Now if you obey (shema), me fully  
and keep my covenant, then out of  
all nations you will be my treasured  
possession.**

**Ex. 19:5**

**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.**

**1 Cor. 10:11**

***Give and Receive Scriptural  
Correction***

**Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she  
raises her voice in the public squares  
Proverbs 1:20**



**1. Will I move decisively and consistently towards what is actually real and true about me and my life?**



**"But I don't  
feel 69..."**



***"We can live in a  
world that we  
design" 🎵***

**Prov. 19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.**

**Prov. 13:18 He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.**

**Prov. 15:32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.**

**2. Do I see this movement toward truth as a movement toward faith and love?**

**You can argue passionately and  
persuasively towards a faulty  
perspective.**

**Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but he who hates correction is stupid.**

**Proverbs 12:1**



**Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?**

**Hebrews 12:7**

**The goal is not to "feel good" about  
correction...it is to love truth.**



**3. Will I become (am I becoming) a person who makes it easy for people to hear truth from me?**

**"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."**

**Eph. 4:14-15**

**Wounds from a friend can be trusted,  
but an enemy multiplies kisses.**

**Proverbs 27:6**

**It is our responsibility to make it as easy as possible for people to receive correction from us.**

**See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**

**Hebrews 3:12-13**

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LORD is one. Love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your strength.**

**Deut. 6:4-5**

**"Love your neighbor as yourself"**

**Matt. 12:31**