

**“But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.” (Lk. 7:30)**

# Recap

Rebuke is necessary

## Benefits of Rebuke

- Rebukes cleanse and purify
- Rebukes spare us from disaster and unforeseen consequences
- Rebukes lead to wisdom and understanding
- Rebukes keep us on the path of life and turn us from death

# Responding Correctly to Rebuke

- What keeps us from constructively receiving rebuke?
- How to better respond to rebuke?



# What keeps us from constructively receiving rebuke?

- PRIDE
- “He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.” (Prov. 9:7)
- “A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.” (Prov. 13:1)
- “Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.” (Prov. 3:34)



# What keeps us from constructively receiving rebuke?

- DISHONESTY
- “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. **I could wish you were cold or hot.** 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...” (Rev. 2:15-17)

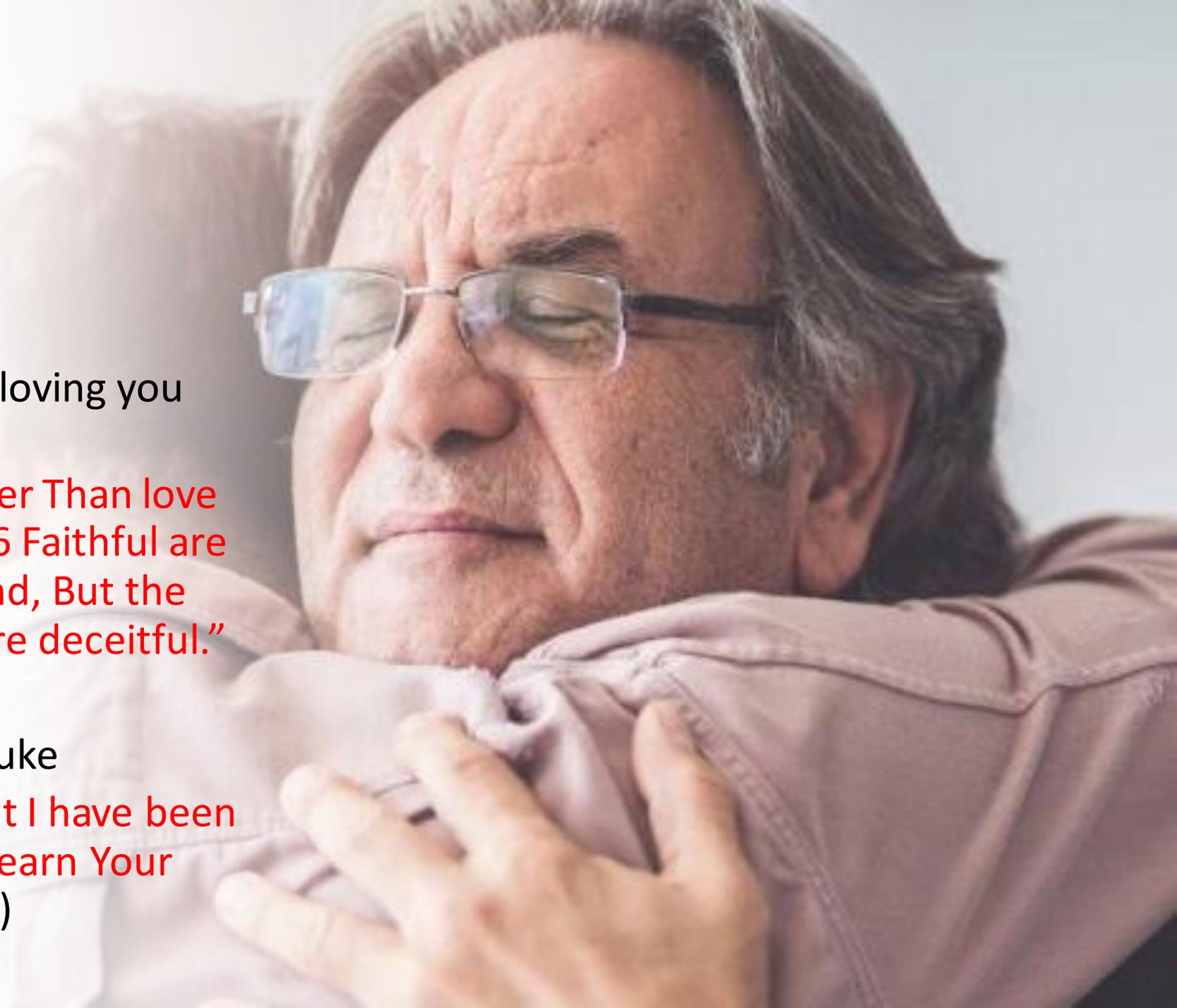


## How to respond correctly to rebuke?

1. Prayer
2. Adopt a positive attitude about rebuke ahead of time
3. Listen to the rebuke without interruption
4. Do not immediately prepare your defense
5. Avoid pointing out the rebuker's faults or question their motive

# How to respond correctly to rebuke?

6. Thank the rebuker for loving you enough to rebuke you
  - “Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” (Prov. 27:5-6)
7. Thank God for the rebuke
  - “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.” (Ps. 119:71)



# How to respond correctly to rebuke?

8. Seek unbiased counsel
9. Confess to the person you injured and to God

