

YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME

Week 6: Undercover Boss

When we see someone we care about make bad decisions, we can either confront them about it or hope someone else does. Many times we opt for the latter under the guise of being kind, not wanting to interfere, or waiting for them to ask for our input. But we should ask ourselves: are we really being kind, or are we letting fear, discomfort, or indifference be the boss of us?

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel when you hear the word “confrontation”?
2. Which of these words describes why you are most typically averse to confronting someone?

Fear | Discomfort | Apprehension | Indifference

3. Read Matthew 18:6–17.

- What stands out to you?
 - Verses 6–9, 10–14, and 15–17 have different imagery, but how are the three sections related or similar?
 - If you could summarize the point of each of these three sections in a separate sentence, what would your three sentences be? What if you had to summarize all three sections with just one sentence?
4. As followers of Jesus, God’s overarching command for us is to treat others as our heavenly Father has treated us. How does confrontation play a part in following that command?
 5. As an adult, have you ever been confronted about something by someone who took a big risk bringing it to your attention? If so, how did it go? If not, would you be better off today if someone had?

Moving Forward

When God chases us down and changes us through another person (even though it’s not comfortable), we’re always grateful. Is there someone who needs you to move past fear, intimidation, or discomfort in order to help them change? You may be the person God uses to help them take a step. But even if your efforts don’t directly lead to change, you’ll have done for them what God has done for you.

*There's no shadow He won't light up
Mountain He won't climb up
Coming after me.*

from “Reckless Love” by Cory Asbury