

Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

- Narrator** “If another member of the church sins against you,
Hugh go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.
Pantomimes talking to Sinner
- Narrator** If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.
Hugh hugs Sinner
- Hugh** But if you are not listened to,
Sinner pushes away, “talk to the hand”
- Thing 1&2** take one or two others along with you,
T1&T2 appear, and Hugh implores Sinner again
- Thing 1** so that every word may be confirmed
- Thing 2** by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- Hugh** If the member refuses to listen to them,
Sinner pushes away, “talk to the hand”
- T1, T2, Mob** tell it to the church;
T1&T2 and quite a few others
- Hugh** and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,
Sinner pushes away, “talk to the hand”
All the others stop and look, sadly, even longingly at Sinner
- Narrator** let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
All the others slowly push away from Sinner, “talk to the hand”
- Jesus** Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
Sinner and All turn their hands up to heaven
- Jesus** Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
Sinner and All drop their hands and take a step closer to the center
- Jesus** For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Jesus, Sinner, and All move to a group hug at stage center