



"And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance
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DEATH OF A CAREER

Roger Ailes was forced to resign as chairman of Fox News last week. Former news anchor, Gretchen Carlson, had filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against Ailes earlier this month. The filing follows accusations of sexual harassment by several female employees over a long period of time. As the story developed, numerous allegations emerged that a woman's submission to sexual advances was the price for career success in the Fox News corporate culture.

RENEWAL OF LIFE

The world's standards of behavior can bring death of many kinds: career, relationships, personal integrity, and even physical. However, the Bible shows us the means by which life can arise from death. Turning away from sin and accepting Jesus as our Savior can save us from the spiritual penalty that comes from rejecting God. And, as this week's text says, baptism is a highly symbolic, physical expression of the change of direction that takes place within our hearts.

1. Do you think the fact that Roger Ailes lost his job is strong enough punishment to deter others from similar behavior? Why or why not?
2. If you personally know perpetrators or victims of sexual harassment, what were the results in those situations?
3. What help does today's text give us in responding when such incidents happen within Christian organizations?
4. How does being a Christian assist us in avoiding the kind of sin Roger Ailes has been accused of?
5. In practical terms, what does being either a servant of sin or an instrument of righteousness mean to you in the way you live?

—Charles R. Boatman

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