

Consider It

What can you discern about Paul's heart for the Corinthians (2:1-4)?

What punishment (2:6) was likely taken by the majority (1 Cor 5:9-13)?

What makes church discipline so difficult?

How does this Corinthian respond to discipline (2:7)?

What does a repentant person need from his/her church family (2:7-8)?

What are the benefits of forgiveness (2:10)?

What does unforgiveness look like?

How might Satan take advantage of our unwillingness to forgive (2:11)?

Live It

Praise. You are the Father of mercy and God of all comfort. My heart is filled with joy and gratitude because your kindness leads us to repentance.

Prayer. Who do you know that is grieving the harmful choices of a child? How does this passage teach you to pray for them?

Practice. What step will you take this week to forgive and reaffirm your love for someone who has sinned against you?

Tested and Triumphant!

Sorrow to Joy

2 Corinthians 2:1-17

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Introduction

Sermon Sentence

God Leads Us Triumphantly through Tears and Forgiveness in Union with Christ.

God Leads Us Triumphantly through TEARS

I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

2 Corinthians 2:4 (NIV)

God Leads Us Triumphantly through FORGIVENESS

I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:10b-11 (NIV)

God Leads Us Triumphantly in Union with Christ

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

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Open It

It has been said by many parents, "This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you." What makes disciplining our children a grievous task?

Read It

So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. ² For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? ³ I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. ⁴ For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you. ⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:1–11 (NIV)

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How do Paul's corrective words in 1 Corinthians 5:1-12 inform our understanding of this passage (2:1-11)?