

Open It

Name one thing that causes us to have sorrow or to grieve.

Consider It

What indications do you observe (7:2-16) that Paul was grieved by the Corinthians?

How was Paul comforted in the midst of his sorrow (7:2-9)?

What is the key difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow (7:10)?

What are the positive results of godly sorrow (7:11)?

What makes worldly sorrow so destructive?

How does King David exemplify godly sorrow in Psalm 32?

Why is it not enough to say, "I'm sorry" for my sin? What more is required?

How should we respond to someone who points out something wrong in our attitude, words or deeds?

Think of a time in your spiritual journey when sorrow over sin led you to repentance and the joy of forgiveness. How might God use this part of your story to encourage others?

Considering Paul's example, what might it look like for us to grieve the sins of others or patterns of sin in the local church? How might we follow Paul's example in responding to sin?

How was Paul encouraged by Titus (7:13-16)?

Live It

What sin do you grieve? What would repentance look like?

What would God have you do or say in response to another's sin?

What prayer points can you identify in this passage to guide your prayer for others or your church family?

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"Godly Sorrow"

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Sunday, October 20, 2019

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2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

Sermon Proposition

God wills that you have sorrow for sin.

God Wills that You Grieve the Lack of Sorrow for Sin

God Wills that You Avoid Worldly Sorrow for Sin

God Wills that You Welcome Godly Sorrow for Your Sin

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Discussion Guide
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God Wills that You Demonstrate Godly Sorrow for Others

My Next Step

Read It

Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one. ³ I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you. ⁴ I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds. ⁵ For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷ and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever. ⁸ Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. ¹² So even though I wrote to you, it was neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. ¹³ By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. ¹⁴ I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well. ¹⁵ And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling. ¹⁶ I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.

2 Corinthians 7:2–16 (NIV)