

Paul's Joy - 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Topics: Confidence, Conflict, Devotion, Encouragement, Joy, Obedience, Repentance, Salvation, Sorrow

Open It

1. When has a friend ever disappointed you?
- * 2. What is it like to have a loyal and faithful friend?
3. When was a time you had to confront a friend?

Explore It

4. Why did Paul not condemn the Corinthians? (7:2-3)
5. Why did Paul have to defend himself again to the Corinthians? (7:2-4)
- * 6. Why did Paul have such great confidence in the Corinthian Christians? (7:4)
7. How could Paul be joyful in such difficult circumstances? (7:4)
8. What was Paul's experience in Macedonia? (7:5)
9. What was the nature of the trouble Paul was facing? (7:5)
- * 10. How did God comfort Paul? (7:6-7)
11. What was the cause of the sorrow felt by the Corinthians? (7:8)
12. Why did Paul change his feelings about sending his "tearful letter"? (7:8-9)
13. What qualities were produced by the Corinthians' godly sorrow? (7:11)
14. How did the Corinthians prove themselves to be innocent? (7:11)
15. For what reason did Paul write this letter to the church at Corinth? (7:12)
- * 16. What did Titus do to encourage Paul? (7:13-16)
17. Why did Paul have confidence in the Corinthian Christians? (7:16)

Get It

- * 18. What can we learn from the relationship between Paul and Titus?
19. What could your church learn from the relationship between Titus and the Corinthian church?
20. What relationship is there between adversity and spiritual growth?
- * 21. When have you ever been confronted by a friend regarding a spiritual matter?
22. How should we respond when someone points out a wrong in our lives?
23. How do Paul's warnings and encouraging words in this passage motivate you to behave in a godly manner?
24. What can we learn from this passage about dealing with Christians who have fallen away from the faith?
25. What should we do when a Christian friend turns away from Christ?
26. Why is it not enough just to feel sorry for your sins?

Apply It

27. What do you need to do this week to turn sorrow for sin into godly living?
- * 28. What specific step can you take this week to build up another believer who is discouraged?