



The Journey of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

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Paul and the Corinthians

- Paul established the church in Corinth (Acts 18:1-22).
- While in Ephesus, he wrote the church a letter to address several issues (1 Corinthians 5:9-11).
- The church responded to Paul with questions.
- Paul wrote 1 Corinthians.
- The situation in Corinth worsened.
- Paul returned to Corinth (2 Corinthians 2:1; 13:2).
- Later, Paul wrote another letter to the church (2 Corinthians 2:3-4; 7:8-12).
- The situation remained challenging in Corinth, but Titus re-united with Paul to inform him that many in the church had repented and began the process of reconciliation with Paul (2 Corinthians 7:2-16).
- Because there were still issues in the church, Paul wrote another letter to admonish, instruct, and celebrate - 2 Corinthians.

Paul and Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 7:2-16)

- Paul blessed the process of reconciliation (7:2-3)
- Paul rejoiced! (7:4)
- Paul celebrated the news from Titus (7:5-7)
- Godly sorrow can lead to repentance (7:8-13)
- Reconciliation is a possibility (7:13-16)

The Journey of Reconciliation

- Reconciliation is never easy.
- Reconciliation requires honesty.
- Reconciliation requires humility.
- Reconciliation requires repentance.
- Reconciliation involves sorrow.
- Reconciliation results in great joy.
- Reconciliation strengthens and deepens relationships.
- God's reconciling work both instructs and inspires us!