

# ***Towards Resolution***

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## **I. Paul's Exhortation,** 2 Corinthians 7:2

**A. "Open your hearts to us"** 2 Corinthians 7:2

**B. Examine our past:** 2 Cor. 7:2b

- No one has been wronged,
- No one has been led astray,
- No one has been taken advantage of.

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## **II. Paul's Care for the Corinthians,** 2 Corinthians 7:3

**A. “I speak not to condemn ...”** 2 Cor. 7:3a

**- condemn - *katakrisis* - to judge** 2 Cor. 7:3a

**B. “... you are in our hearts.”** 2 Cor.7:3b

**C. Goal - “to die together and live together.”**

2 Corinthians 7:3c

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## **III. Paul's Comfort- "Nevertheless God,"** 2 Cor. 7:4-7

### **A. Paul's "great boldness ...",** 2 Corinthians 7:4

- ***"great is my boasting,"***

- ***"filled with comfort,"*** - encouragement

- ***"exceedingly joyful,"***

### **B. Good news via Titus** 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

***"No rest,... troubled on every side,"*** v.5

***"Nevertheless God, ..."*** 2 Corinthians 7:6

***"your earnest desire; your mourning; your zeal"*** 2 Cor. 7:7

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## **IV. Paul's Explanation,** 2 Corinthians 7:8-12

### **A. Paul's relationship to the Corinthians - a timeline**

**a. Paul's first visit - church planted,** Acts 18:4-28

**b. Paul's first letter (now lost)** Acts 19; 1 Cor. 5:9-11

**c. He received a letter from the house of Chloe,** 1 Cor. 1:11

**d. Paul's second letter - First Corinthians,** 1 Cor. 1:11

**e. Paul's second visit, a "*painful*" visit,** 2 Cor. 2:1

**f. Paul's third letter, (now lost)** 2 Cor. 2:3-4; 7:5-6

**g. Paul's fourth letter, Second Corinthians,** Acts 20:1; 2 Cor. 2:1

**h. Paul's third visit to Corinth,** Acts 20:2-3

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## **IV. Paul's Explanation,** 2 Corinthians 7:8-12

***"... for even if I made you sorry"***

A. Paul's relationship to the Corinthians - a timeline

**B. Paul's painful letter to the Corinthians,** 2 Cor. 2:3-8

a. **Written to avoid sorrow on his next visit,** 2:Cor. 2:3

b. **Written *"with much affliction and many tears"*,**

c. **Written to appeal for one who received discipline**

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## IV. Paul's Explanation, 2 Corinthians 7:8-12

A. Paul's relationship to the Corinthians - a timeline

B. Paul's painful letter to the Corinthians, 2 Cor. 2:3-8

### **C. Paul's explanation and their sorrow, 2 Cor. 2:3-8**

**a. From regret to rejoicing, vv. 8-10**

- *metomellomai* - regret v. 8,10

- *metanoia* - repentance - a change of mind/heart vv. 9,10

**b. "Godly sorrow", and "sorrow of the world" vv. 9-11**

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## **V. Towards Resolution,** 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

**A. Paul and Titus were encouraged,** v. 13a

**B. Their affection for the church increased,** vv.13b-16

**C. Their joy increased, “*I have confidence in you in everything,*” v.16**