

JOY COMES FROM RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS. 2 CORINTHIANS 7

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BIG IDEA: Nothing brings more joy than right relationships with **God and people.** (Like the Apostle Paul, you can find joy, even in hard times, when your relationships are right.)

What's at Stake: Today we're not just talking about a man and a church some 2,000 years ago. We're talking about you and your relationships with classmates, coworkers, spouses, and children.

TO HAVE JOY FROM RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS:

Focus on the positive and build others up. (2-4)

Speak the truth in love that leads to true repentance. (5-12)

Say good things about someone behind their back. (13-16)

In the end, joy in your life is not going to come from good times. Those will come and go. Lasting joy only comes from your relationship with God and others.

For next Sunday: Read 2 Cor. 8

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MAKE ROOM IN YOUR HEARTS FOR US. WE HAVE WRONGED NO ONE, WE HAVE CORRUPTED NO ONE, WE HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF NO ONE. I DO NOT SAY THIS TO CONDEMN YOU, FOR I SAID BEFORE THAT YOU ARE IN OUR HEARTS, TO DIE TOGETHER AND TO LIVE TOGETHER.

I AM ACTING WITH GREAT BOLDNESS TOWARD YOU; I HAVE GREAT PRIDE IN YOU; I AM FILLED WITH COMFORT. IN ALL OUR AFFLICTION, I AM OVERFLOWING WITH JOY.

2 COR. 7:2-4

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SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE THAT LEADS TO TRUE REPENTANCE. (5-12)

FOR EVEN IF I MADE YOU GRIEVE WITH MY LETTER, I DO NOT REGRET IT—THOUGH I DID REGRET IT, FOR I SEE THAT THAT LETTER GRIEVED YOU, THOUGH ONLY FOR A WHILE. AS IT IS, I REJOICE, NOT BECAUSE YOU WERE GRIEVED, BUT BECAUSE YOU WERE GRIEVED INTO REPENTING. FOR YOU FELT A GODLY GRIEF, SO THAT YOU SUFFERED NO LOSS THROUGH US.

FOR GODLY GRIEF PRODUCES A REPENTANCE THAT LEADS TO SALVATION WITHOUT REGRET, WHEREAS WORLDLY GRIEF PRODUCES DEATH.

2 COR. 7: 8-10

SAY GOOD THINGS ABOUT SOMEONE BEHIND THEIR BACK. (13-16)

THEREFORE WE ARE COMFORTED. AND BESIDES OUR OWN COMFORT, WE REJOICED STILL MORE AT THE JOY OF TITUS, BECAUSE HIS SPIRIT HAS BEEN REFRESHED BY YOU ALL. FOR WHATEVER BOASTS I MADE TO HIM ABOUT YOU, I WAS NOT PUT TO SHAME. BUT JUST AS EVERYTHING WE SAID TO YOU WAS TRUE, SO ALSO OUR BOASTING BEFORE TITUS HAS PROVED TRUE.

AND HIS AFFECTION FOR YOU IS EVEN GREATER, AS HE REMEMBERS THE OBEDIENCE OF YOU ALL, HOW YOU RECEIVED HIM WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING. I REJOICE, BECAUSE I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN YOU. 2 COR. 7:13-16

LIFESPRING CHURCH, I'M PROUD OF YOU!

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