

Series: "6 WORDS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE"

Part 1: "SORRY"

Crossroads Community Church

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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.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11 (NIV)

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2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

4 "Apology Fails":

1. I'm sorry, but not _____
2. I'm sorry, _____
3. I'm sorry, but _____
4. I'm sorry, but won't _____

➤ Worldly sorrow is focused on _____, and is only concerned about the _____, and never results in _____ behavior

4 Indicators That Your "Sorry" is Sincere:

1. Offends a _____ God

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.

2 Corinthians 7:9 (NIV)

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Psalms 51:4 (NIV)

2. Results in _____

¹ LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. ² Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint; heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony. ³ My soul is in deep anguish. How long, LORD, how long?

Psalms 6:1-3 (NIV)

3. Leads to long-term _____

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2 Corinthians 7:10-11a (NIV)

4. Restores a broken _____

At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

2 Corinthians 7:11b (NIV)

Sermon Notes:
