

## Love and War

2 Corinthians 10:1-11

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**BIG IDEA: Christ's love urges us to love those who are hard-to-love.**

### I. Humble yourself. (vv. 1, 9-10)

**2 Corinthians 10:1** | <sup>1</sup>I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—

**2 Corinthians 10:9-10** | <sup>9</sup>I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters. <sup>10</sup>For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.”

**Matthew 11:28-30** | <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**1 Timothy 6:11** | <sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

### II. Stay in the fight. (vv. 2-3)

**2 Corinthians 10:2-3** | <sup>2</sup>I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

### III. Love with the truth. (vv. 4-8, 11)

**2 Corinthians 10:4-8** | <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, <sup>6</sup>being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. <sup>7</sup>Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we. <sup>8</sup>For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed.

**2 Corinthians 10:11** | <sup>11</sup>Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present.

**1 Peter 2:11** | <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

### **Benediction | Matthew 11:28-30**

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