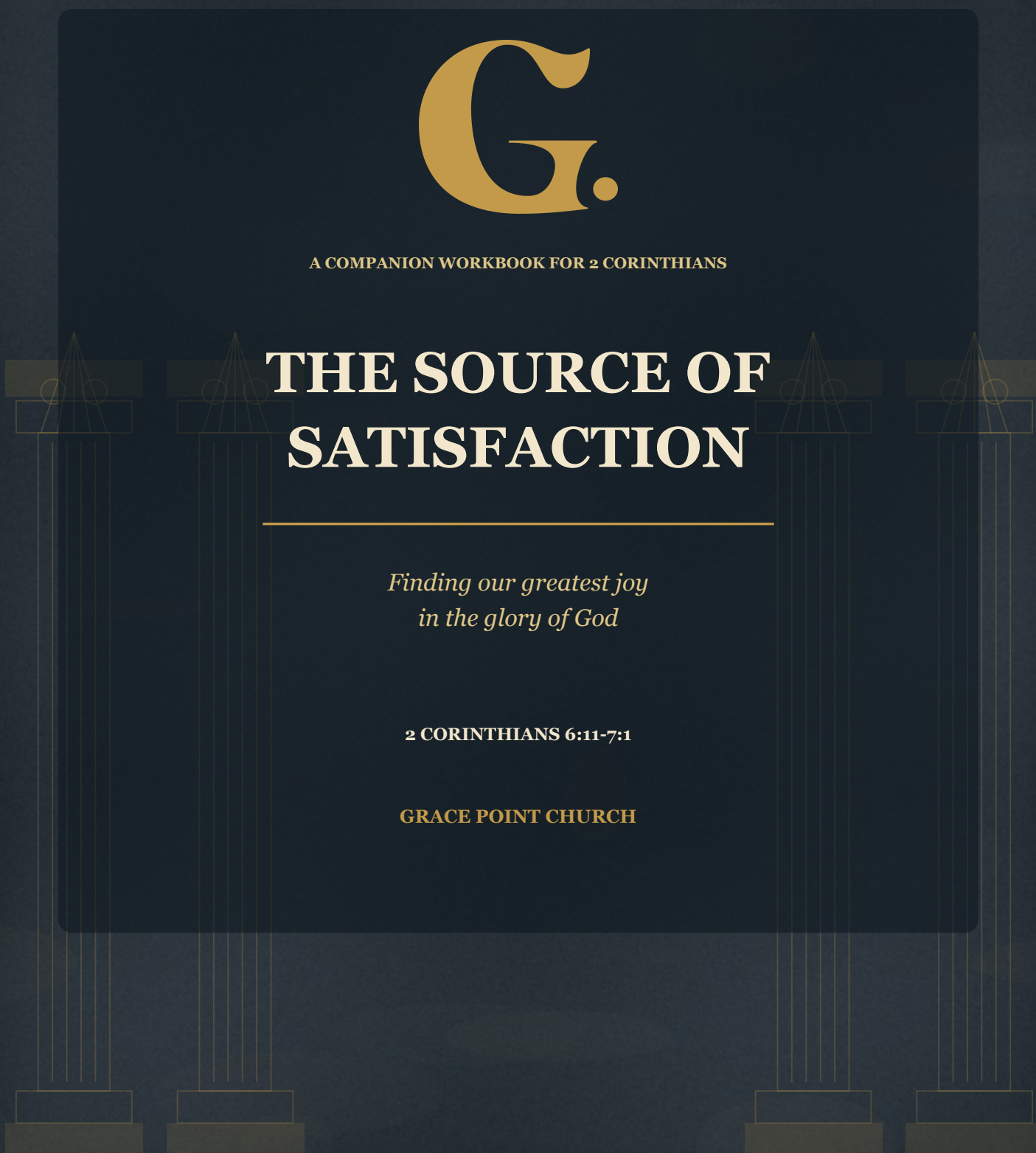




A COMPANION WORKBOOK FOR 2 CORINTHIANS



THE SOURCE OF SATISFACTION

*Finding our greatest joy
in the glory of God*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:11-7:1

GRACE POINT CHURCH

THE BIG IDEA

When our affections for Jesus grow restricted, God calls us away from joyless substitutes and back to the only source of true satisfaction: His presence, His promises, and His glory.

Paul speaks as a loving father to children who have drifted. He does not shame them or withhold affection. He opens his heart, exposes the influences and lies stealing their joy, and calls them to widen their hearts to Christ again.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections... widen your hearts also."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:12-13

Where have my affections for Jesus narrowed, cooled, or become crowded out?

REFLECT AND RESPOND

WIDEN YOUR HEART

Spiritual drift often makes us blame our circumstances, our schedule, or other people. Paul lovingly removes that escape: the Corinthians were not restricted by him but by their own affections. The way home begins with honest repentance and confident faith.

Life is busy, complicated, and hard - but God is not the one withholding joy. He is calling us to open our hearts to Him again.

WHEN I FEEL DISTANT FROM GOD

1

STOP BLAMING

Name the excuses or circumstances you have used to avoid responsibility.

2

TELL THE TRUTH

Admit where sin, distraction, or unbelief has restricted your affections.

3

TURN TOWARD JESUS

Take the next step in repentance and faith instead of waiting to feel ready.

What excuse has kept me from taking my next step toward Jesus?

OPENING MY HEART AGAIN

WHO IS INFLUENCING ME?

To be unequally yoked is a picture of futility: two unlike animals cannot pull the same load in the same direction. Every primary influence either strengthens our joy in Jesus or trains our hearts to seek satisfaction somewhere else.

FIVE AREAS OF INFLUENCE

1

MORALITY

Who defines what is right and why it is right?

2

COMMUNITY

Who strengthens the direction of my life?

3

AUTHORITY

Whose word receives my final allegiance?

4

FUTURE REWARD

What goal and inheritance am I pursuing?

5

PRESENT WORSHIP

Who or what am I worshipping right now?

**Which person, community, voice, or desire has the greatest influence over me right now?
Where is it leading me?**

EVALUATING MY INFLUENCES

WHAT AM I BELIEVING?

Our worship reveals our beliefs. Christ is the promise-making, promise-keeping Lord; Satan is a liar and the father of lies. When joy disappears, we need to identify the promise we have forgotten and the lie we have begun to trust.

SATAN'S LIES

- God is withholding good
- His promises depend on me
- Comfort is the same as joy

GOD'S PROMISES

- I will dwell among you
- I will welcome you
- I will be a Father to you

God's promises are always about Him: His presence, His faithfulness, His power, and His grace.

What lie is draining my joy? Which promise of God answers it?

REPLACING LIES WITH PROMISES

THE PROMISE OF PRESENCE

The foundation beneath every promise is that God will be with His people. His holy presence changes us from the inside out, welcomes us into covenant love, and draws us deeper into the only relationship where true satisfaction can be found.

"I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:18

BECAUSE GOD IS WITH US

1

HE WELCOMES US

His love is not withheld until we fix ourselves or overcome every struggle.

2

HE CHANGES US

Holiness is evidence of His personal, powerful grace at work within us.

3

HE CALLS US HIS CHILDREN

Our joy rests in His fatherly love, not our ability to perform.

Where do I need to receive the Father's welcome instead of living in fear of failure?

RESTING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE

WHERE IS MY HEART?

Paul's commands are rooted in God's promises and aimed at God's glory. God gives what He commands: through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, He gives new hearts and calls His children to cleanse themselves from every defilement of body and spirit.

"Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves... bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God."

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

1

PROMISE

God welcomes, fathers, and works in His beloved children.

2

DIRECTION

Discipleship asks whether we are moving toward Jesus or away from Him.

3

GLORY

Living to please God is the path into the fullness of joy He offers.

What does the direction of my life reveal about where my heart is moving?

MY NEXT STEP TOWARD JESUS

DISCUSSION & PRAYER

- 01 What does it look like when our affections for Jesus become restricted?
- 02 Which excuse or circumstance are you most tempted to blame for spiritual drift?
- 03 Who or what most influences your morality, community, authority, goals, and worship?
- 04 What lie has been stealing your joy, and which promise of God confronts it?
- 05 How does God's promise to welcome you as His child change the way you pursue holiness?
- 06 Are you moving toward Jesus or away from Him? What is one honest next step?

PRAY: Thank God for His presence and fatherly welcome. Confess the influences and lies that have narrowed your affections, then ask Him to widen your heart and lead you toward holiness and joy.

NOTES AND PRAYER

RETURN TO YOUR SOURCE

God's greatest glory is your greatest joy. He welcomes you, calls you His child, and invites you to move toward Jesus again.

1

WHO IS INFLUENCING ME?

Identify the strongest voices shaping your worship and direction.

2

WHAT AM I BELIEVING?

Name the lie you must reject and the promise you will remember.

3

WHERE IS MY HEART?

Choose one concrete step toward Jesus in repentance and faith.

Discipleship is more about direction than destination. Keep moving toward Jesus.

MY NEXT STEP TOWARD TRUE SATISFACTION