

Growth Group Discussion
For the week of September 20, 2020

Contending for Community
2 CORINTHIANS 7.2-16
The Heart of the Matter

INTRO

- A. The Series: 2 Corinthians
- B. The Context of Ch. 7

2 CORINTHIANS		
Emotional Outpouring of True Apostleship	Call to Generosity	Vehement Defense of Authority
Chs. 1-7	Chs. 8-9	Chs. 10-13

- C. The Appeal of Ch. 7

TEXT: 2 Corinthians

- A. Paul's Final Appeal (7.2-4)

- B. Paul's Heart (7.5-15)
 - 1. Vs. 5-7 Comfort and joy

 - 2. Vs. 8-13a Comfort and joy

 - 3. Vs. 13b-15 Comfort and joy

- C. Paul's Confidence (7.16)

LESSONS FOR TODAY

- 1. The **Plan** of Reconciliation

- 2. The **Process** of Reconciliation

- 3. The **Fruit** of Reconciliation

Connect

What is your favorite way of encouraging someone?

Reflect

What point from Sunday's message touched you the most?

Explore

1. In 2 Corinthians 7:2, Paul pleads with the Corinthians to make room in their hearts for him. Surrounded by distractions and entanglements, how can we keep our hearts open to God and other people?

2. Paul was a bold champion of the faith, but even he had doubts and fears (see 2 Corinthians 7:5 and 1 Thessalonians 3:4-5). Describe a struggle you have had in this area and how it influenced your faith.

3. Paul distinguishes between Godly sorrow and earthly sorrow in 2 Corinthians 7:8-11. Discuss this contrast and the meaning of repentance as it affects our emotions, relationships, faith and actions.

4. Read Psalm 32 and share the insights you find about repentance. What is God's response to our sincere confession?

5. Paul confronted the Corinthians several times about their failings. How should we handle this sensitive task with others, and how well do you receive such input? What has been the result of "straight talk" in your experience?

God I Look To You

Verse

God I look to You
I won't be overwhelmed
Give me vision to see things like You do
God I look to You
You're where my help comes from
Give me wisdom You know just what to do
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

I will love You Lord my strength
I will love You Lord my shield
I will love You Lord my rock
Forever all my days I will love You God

Chorus 2

Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Hallelujah our God reigns
Forever all my days hallelujah

Interlude

Oh oh oh

Forever all my days hallelujah

Lay It All Down (At The Feet Of Jesus)

Verse 1

Bring your worry grief and pain
Every cause you have for shame
Lay it all down lay it all down
When your cares have buried you
And there's nothing left to do
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Verse 2

Carried on but your heart was tired
Feared the worst and felt the fire
Lay it all down lay it all down
Filled with all those anxious thoughts
And your doubts became your god

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Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

Chorus
Lay it all down
Lay it all down
(REPEAT)
At the feet of Jesus
At the feet of Jesus

Verse 3
When we've given up on better days
There are memories we can't erase
Lay it all down lay it all down
When we've come to fear what we can't explain
And there's nothing here that can ease the pain
Lay it all down lay it all down
At the feet of Jesus at the feet of Jesus

King Of My Heart

Verse 1
Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Verse 2
Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days

Oh He is my song

Bridge
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

Ending
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

Blessed Assurance

Verse 1
Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2
Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Verse 3
Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love