



February 4, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 2:2:14-17 | “Heaven’s Scent”

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 2:5–13

Who have you extended forgiveness to this past week (2:5–11)?

For whom did you provide care? (2:12–13)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 2:14–17

2 Corinthians 4:8–12

1 Corinthians 4:9, 13b

Ephesians 5:1–2

Galatians 5:22–23

1 Peter 2:9–10

Colossians 1:28–29

Study Questions

1. How do you express gratitude for Christ’s triumph (2:14a)? In what ways do you feel discouraged over God’s apparent inactivity? How have you learned to “walk by faith, not by sight” (5:7)? How is it encouraging that God is “always” leading us in His triumph, even when we can’t see it?
2. In what specific ways are you the “sweet aroma” of Christ (2:14b)? Who are you currently impacting for Christ? How have you been guilty of having a negative influence on unbelievers?
3. In what instances have you experienced rejection for your stance on a biblical or moral issue? How did that affect you? How do you respond to an unbeliever’s rejection of Christ (2:15)? How can you overcome discouragement from negative reactions to the gospel?
4. What kind of “peddlers” are at work in the church today (2:17)? How do we sometimes exchange the power of the gospel for human cleverness? How can we trust God to make His Word effective? Read Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; 2 Corinthians 4:5–6.
5. In what ways have you been insincere in your ministry? How do you seek to please God as your primary audience? Read 2 Corinthians 5:9–11; 1 Corinthians 10:31; and Colossians 3:17, 23. Where is there a disparity between your work life and your church life? What step can you take this week to represent Christ more fully?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, *The Fruitful Life* (NavPress, 2014)

Gary Thomas, *The Beautiful Fight* (Zondervan, 2007)

Jared C. Wilson, *Gospel Deeps* (Crossway, 2012)