



January 14, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4 | "Handling Hurt"

Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

How did you experience God's comfort/encouragement this past week (1:3-11)?

Who did you comfort/encourage (1:4-7)?

In what way did God increase your endurance (1:6)?

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Psalms 26:1-3

1 Corinthians 4:4-5

Matthew 5:23-24

Romans 12:17-21

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Study Questions

1. When have you dealt with hurtful people (1:12)? In what specific ways have you been misunderstood or falsely accused? How did you deal with these false accusations? Why must we keep in mind the judgment seat of Christ when interacting with hurtful people (1:14)?
2. When have you mistakenly misjudged others' motives (1:12-14)? How can you be confident that you have a clear conscience? Where are you slipping in your integrity (1:15-17)? What can you do to resolve this incongruity?
3. When have you made plans and had to change them (1:12-14, 23-2:4)? What did you learn from this experience? How do you leave room for God's sovereign redirection? Read Proverbs 16:9; 21:30; Isaiah 46:9-11; and James 4:13-17.
4. How can God's promises give strength amid changing circumstances (1:18-22)? How should we view ourselves and one another? Why is it so important to affirm one another's Christian identity? Why is the role of the Holy Spirit so important (1:21-22)?
5. How do you express love for fellow believers (1:23-2:4)? In what ways are you more concerned about CBC than yourself? Why is it so important to resolve conflict with others quickly? With whom do you need to reconcile? Read Romans 12:18.

Recommended Reading

Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Conflict Resolution: A Guide For Turbulent Times* (B&H, 2021)

Michael Hare, *When Church Conflict Happens: A Proven Process for Resolving Unhealthy Disagreements and Embracing Healthy Ones* (Moody, 2019)

J. I. Packer & Carolyn Nystrom, *God's Will: Finding Guidance for Everyday Decisions* (Baker, 2008)

Haddon W. Robinson, *Decision Making by the Book* (Discovery House, [1991] 1998)