

***Returning to the Authentic Gospel***  
***Restoring Our Faith – Expressions of Godly Sorrow***  
***2 Corinthians 7:2-16***

**Second Corinthians**  
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***Godly sorrow is a PRODUCT of PURSUING God's PURPOSES with PASSION***

***1. Godly sorrow flows from a GOD-centered PASSION***

***2 Corinthians 7:2–7 (ESV) — Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no***

***rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more.***

***2 Corinthians 7:5 (ESV) — 5 For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within.***

***atians 4:11 (ESV) — 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.***

***1 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV) — 5 For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.***

***2 Corinthians 11:28 (ESV) — 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.***

***Luke 10:17–18 (ESV) — 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” 18 And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.***

***Luke 10:21 (ESV) — 21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.***

**John 12:27–28a (ESV) — 27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.”**

**Isaiah 53:3a (ESV) — He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief ...**

## **2. Godly sorrow compared to a SELF-centered PURSUIT**

**2 Corinthians 7:8–10 (ESV) — For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.**

**Matthew 5:4 (ESV) — 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

**Psalms 51:1–4 (ESV) — 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**Matthew 26:69–75 (ESV) — 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” 71 And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72 And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” 74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.**

**Matthew 26:14–16 (ESV) — Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.**

**Matthew 27:1–5 (ESV) — When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.**

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**Luke 22:61–62 (ESV) — And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.**

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**Matthew 26:75b (ESV) — ... And he went out and wept bitterly.**

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Consoled by Jesus	Grieved to Death

**Luke 24:34 (ESV) — “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”**

**1 Corinthians 15:3–5a (ESV) — For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas ...**

**Matthew 27:5 (ESV) — And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.**

**2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV) — For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.**

**3. Godly sorrow produces a GOD-centered PARTNERSHIP**

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**Luke 24:33 (ESV) — And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together**

**Matthew 27:5a (ESV) — And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed ...**

**2 Corinthians 7:11–12 (ESV) — 11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.**

***A Seven-fold evidence of true repentance through Godly sorrow...***

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***1 – Earnestness – An eager devotion to serve the Lord***

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***2 – Eagerness to clear yourself – A deep concern to clear your name***

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***3 – Indignation – Mental agitation against sin***

**Romans 7:15 (ESV) — For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.**

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***4 – Fear – Genuine fear of the Lord***

**Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) — The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

**Romans 3:18 (ESV) — “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”**

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***5 – Longing – A deepened longing for the Lord***

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***6 – Zeal – A deep passion for the things of the Lord***

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***7 – Punishment – A burden in the reality of judgment***

***1 Peter 4:17 (ESV) — For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?***

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