



# E KOMO MAI!

MAHALO FOR JOINING US AT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## ALOHA!

We'd love to meet you and serve you!

Please visit the welcome table and fill out a Connect Card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available.

Please sign-in children at the nursery.

### **Join Us This Week:**

Prayer Wed 5:15p

Grace Group, Thu 6:30p

Young Ohana's, Fri 6:30p

Pickleball, Sat 10:00 a

### **Giving:**

Giving box on Sundays

Phone, Website or Mail



### **NEED PRAYER?**

Prayer / Servant Team

Kevin Dorn, Paka Davis

Rich Bently, Uka Anya

Tim Rude, Scott Call

Bill Quinlan, Aaron

Lorshbough

Manny Martinez, Dylan

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"A Ministry That Endures and a Heart That Opens"

Reference: 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

**Manny Martinez, Elder**

**I. A Ministry That Protects the Gospel Through Integrity and Endurance (vv3-5)**

**II. A Ministry Sustained by the Power of God, Not the Approval of Man (vv 6-10)**

**III. A Ministry That Is Completed Through An Open Heart and Love (vv11-13)**

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Grace Group Discussion Questions

"A Ministry That Endures and a Heart That Opens"

2 Cor 6:3–13

Read Chapter 6

**Observation (What Does the Passage Say?)**

1. What specific hardships and sufferings does Paul list in 2 Cor 6:4–5 as evidence of his ministry?
2. What virtues and qualities does Paul describe in vv 6–7 that characterize authentic ministry?
3. According to 2 Cor 6:11–13, what does Paul say is restricting the Cor' relationship with him?

**Interpretation (What Does It Mean?)**

1. Why does Paul emphasize "putting no obstacle in anyone's way" in connection with the credibility of the gospel ministry?
2. What do the paradoxes in 2 Cor 6:8–10 reveal about the difference between worldly evaluation and God's evaluation of ministry?
3. What does Paul mean when he says, "our heart is wide open," and why is this important to understanding Christian unity?

**Correlation (How Does it Relate to Other Passages?)**

1. How does Rom 14:13 and 1 Cor 8:9 support Paul's teaching about avoiding obstacles or stumbling blocks in ministry?
2. How does Phil 2:12–13 help explain the balance between God's sovereignty and human responsibility mentioned in the sermon?
3. How does 1 Cor 13:4–8 deepen our understanding of how to "widen your hearts also" in v13?

**Application (How Can I Apply It to My Life?)**

1. Are there attitudes, freedoms, or behaviors in your life that may hinder others from seeing Christ clearly?
2. When you experience criticism, disappointment, or hardship, do you tend to grow more loving and openhearted or more guarded and closed?
3. In what ways are you tempted to evaluate spiritual leaders according to charisma, success, or personality rather than biblical character and endurance?

**Response (What Should My Response Be?)**

1. What is one area of your life where you need to depend more fully on the power of God rather than human approval or personal strength?
2. Is there a relationship in which your heart has become restricted, bitter, or emotionally closed, and how can you begin opening your heart in a Christlike way?
3. After studying this passage, what specific change do you believe God is calling you to make in your ministry, relationships, or spiritual life?