

Coming Back from Regret
2 Corinthians 7:2-16, Pew Bible p. 967
October 23, 2022

I. The Source of Comfort (V. 2-4)

- A. To those living on mission:
 - 1. Leading people to Christ requires being a person of integrity, love, and faith.

- B. To those living with regret:
 - 1. Coming to Christ requires trusting godly people to get you there.

II. The Reason for Comfort (V. 5-12)

- A. To those living on mission:
 - 1. Leading people to Christ means being personally invested in their spiritual wellbeing.

- B. To those living with regret:
 - 1. Coming to Christ means truly believing God is bigger than your sin.

III. The Result of Comfort (V. 13-16)

- A. To those living on mission:
 - 1. Leading people to Christ must be a primary source of comfort for your ministry.

- B. To those living with regret:
 - 1. Coming to Christ is the only way to heal our broken trail of relationships.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 7:2-16.
2. Name some people in your life who are proud of your Christian faith, as Paul was for the Corinthians in verse 4. How are these people a blessing to you?
3. Has a new believer's faith ever encouraged you during a tough time, as it did for Paul in verses 6-7? What was so encouraging about it?
4. Have you ever had a spiritual conversation with someone you knew would likely make them feel bad? Why? How do verses 8-9 help?
5. Does feeling bad about what you have done wrong necessarily mean you are going to change, according to verse 10? Why?
6. Have you and a close friend ever gone through a difficult period of time where one of you was not following the Lord? Was that person reconciled to God? How did that affect your relationship? How did it affect Paul's relationship with the Corinthians according to verse 16?
7. Pray for our church members, that we be filled with godly sorrow for our sin that leads to repentance and salvation. Consider attending the online church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register on the church website at www.apollobaptist.org.

Church Bible Reading Plan

1 Kings 1-3

October Memory Verse: Numbers 24:13



2 Corinthians 9:6-8

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, please register on the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our church's long-term financial goals for 2023.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Paul W. & family (aunt); family of Joan S.; Anne W.-B. & family (husband); Sherri O. (uncle); Barbara K. (husband); Twila D. and family (husband); Elaine D. (sister); and Gary & Betty B. (brother-in-law)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues); Debbie B. (radiation treatments); Twila D. (declining health); Debbie P. (health issues); Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Jim M. (recovery from arm injury & surgery); Laura M. (undiagnosed health issue); Jenny P. (childbirth soon); Stan & Twyla H. (health and other issues); and Michelle LaM. (stroke recovery)
- Others that you are aware of