

The Ministry: Its End — A Transforming Revival

2 Corinthians 07: 02–16

1 *The revival had a solid foundation: A faithful minister*

- a. Paul's great desire:
Reconciliation
- b. Paul's great love
- c. Paul's boldness
in proclaiming the truth
- d. Paul's confidence
that the church would respond
- e. Paul's faithfulness despite
great trouble within and without
- f. Paul's great sufficiency:
God and His comfort

2 *The revival was stirred by godly sorrow and repentance*

- a. The church had an earnest desire
to correct its evil
- b. The church experienced sorrow:
Because of the proclamation
of the truth —
through a former letter
- c. The minister experienced joy:
Not over the church
being made to feel guilt and sorrow,
but over their repentance
- d. The church experienced true sorrow:
Godly sorrow vs. worldly sorrow

- 2 Make room for us in your hearts.
We have wronged no one,
we have corrupted no one,
we have exploited no one.
- 3 I do not say this to condemn you;
I have said before
that you have such a place in our hearts
that we would live or die with you.
- 4 I have great confidence in you;
I take great pride in you.
I am greatly encouraged:
in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.
- 5 For when we came into Macedonia,
this body of ours had no rest,
but we were harassed at every turn —
conflicts on the outside, fears within.
- 6 But God, who comforts the downcast,
comforted us by the coming of Titus,
- 7 And not only by his coming
but also by the comfort you had given him.
He told us about your longing for me,
your deep sorrow,
your ardent concern for me,
so that my joy was greater than ever.
- 8 Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter,
I do not regret it.
Though I did regret it —
I see that my letter hurt you,
but only for a little while —
- 9 Yet now I am happy,
not because you were made sorry,
but because your sorrow led you to repentance.
For you became sorrowful as God intended
and so were not harmed in any way by us.
- 10 Godly sorrow brings repentance
that leads to salvation
and leaves no regret,
but worldly sorrow brings death.

<p>e. The church gave evidence of godly sorrow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Earnestness 2) Clearing themselves 3) Indignation with sin 4) Fear, alarm 5) Desire for fellowship 6) Zeal, loyalty 7) Readiness to punish 8) Innocence <p>f. The minister's purpose for reaching out to the church became clear to all: To make the church aware that it was genuine; it truly cared</p> <p>3 <i>The revival brought a renewed spirit to a young disciple</i></p> <p>a. The young disciple was one of God's instruments to bring revival</p> <p>b. The young disciple had been informed of the church's good qualities: The minister had boasted in the church</p> <p>c. The young disciple rejoiced greatly over the church's submissive obedience to the proclamation of God's Word</p> <p>4 <i>Conclusion:</i> <i>The minister held great confidence in the church since its revival</i></p>	<p>11 See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.</p> <p>12 So even though I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong or of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are.</p> <p>13 By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.</p> <p>14 I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well.</p> <p>15 And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling.</p> <p>16 I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.</p>
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