

II Corinthians

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Travel Plans

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- Revised Plan
 - Ephesus \rightarrow Macedonia \rightarrow Illness

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For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

- II Corinthians 1:12

¹³ For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end; ¹⁴ just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

- II Corinthians 1:13-14

In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a blessing;

- II Corinthians 1:15

that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea.

- II Corinthians 1:16

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¹⁷ Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no at the same time? ¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

- II Corinthians 1:17-18

For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

- II Corinthians 1:19

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²⁰ For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

- II Corinthians 1:20-22

But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth.

- II Corinthians 1:23

Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

- II Corinthians 1:24

¹ But I determined this for my own sake, that I would not come to you in sorrow again. ² For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

- II Corinthians 2:1-2

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This is the very thing I wrote you, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having confidence in you all that my joy would be the joy of you all.

- II Corinthians 2:3

For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

- II Corinthians 2:4

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⁵ But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—in order not to say too much—to all of you. ⁶ Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority,

- II Corinthians 2:5-6

⁷ so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ For to this end also I wrote, so that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

- II Corinthians 2:7-9

¹⁰ But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

- II Corinthians 2:10-11

Paul was appalled at the Corinthian brethren's indifference to this sin.

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Paul's Response / Explanation

- He is not a liar
- He changed his plans to spare them

It is discouraging to be accused of having evil motives.

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Are you not my work in the Lord?

- I Corinthians 9:1

Reading Assignment:

Il Corinthians 2:12-7:16