



MESSAGE NOTES

Doug Baker | July 31, 2022
Restoration Through Discipline
2 Corinthians 2:1-17

James 4 tells us

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel....God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1. Corrective love always _____ conflict and does not run from it, 2:1-4

¹ For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. ² For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? ³ And I wrote as I did (his missing letter), so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. ⁴ For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Galatians 6:1-2

2. Corrective love always seeks the _____ and _____ of others, 2:5-11

⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. ⁶ For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, ⁷ so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven any-thing, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

James 1:14-15

"Unattended issues hinder the fruitfulness of a church and the tenure and effectiveness of pastors. If problems are allowed to fester, they will crush your vitality and vibrancy. Churches can be functional, but lifeless, like shrines. If yours is full of religious activity and lacking spiritual vitality it could be that Jesus has not been invited in. Remember, just as Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart (in Revelation 3) wanting to come in, he is also knocking on the church's door and wants to come in. God speaks to us during disruption and disequilibrium to get our attention. He may be banging on the cabin door and shouting out, "Wake up folks!" Its time for contrite hearts, confession, and repentance that will restore God's favor on your ministry"

Tom Harris, *Soaring Between Pastors*

2 Corinthians 7:5-10

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

3. Corrective love _____ and always _____ in Jesus, 2:12-17

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