

-- King James

2 Corinthians 1:12 - 24

12. For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

13. For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

14. As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15. And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

16. And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

17. When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

18. But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

19. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

20. For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

21. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22. Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23. Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

24. Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

2 Corinthians 2

1. But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

2. For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

3. And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

4. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

-- New King James

2 Corinthians 1:12

12. For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

13. For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end

14. (as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15. And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit

16. to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea.

17. Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?

18. But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No.

19. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us by me, Silvanus, and Timothy was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.

20. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

21. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

22. who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit.

23. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

24. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

2 Corinthians 2

1. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

2. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?
3. And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.
4. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

-- American Standard

2 Corinthians 1:12

12. For our glorifying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.
13. For we write no other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye will acknowledge unto the end:
14. as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.
15. And in this confidence I was minded to come first unto you, that ye might have a second benefit;
16. and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Judaea.
17. When I therefore was thus minded, did I show fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yea yea and the nay nay?
18. But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not yea and nay.
19. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him is yea.
20. For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea: wherefore also through him is the Amen, unto the glory of God through us.
21. Now he that establisheth us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God;
22. who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.
23. But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbore to come unto Corinth.
24. Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for in faith ye stand fast.

2 Corinthians 2

1. But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow.
2. For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad but he that is made sorry by me?
3. And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.
4. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love that I have more abundantly unto you.

-- Living Bible

2 Corinthians 1:12

12. We are so glad that we can say with utter honesty that in all our dealings we have been pure and sincere, quietly depending upon the Lord for his help, and not on our own skills. And that is even more true, if possible, about the way we have acted toward you.
13. My letters have been straightforward and sincere; nothing is written between the lines! And even though you don't know me very well (I hope someday you will), I want you to try to accept me and be proud of me, as you already are to some extent; just as I shall be of you on that day when our Lord Jesus comes back again.
15. It was because I was so sure of your understanding and trust that I planned to stop and see you on my way to Macedonia, as well as afterwards when I returned, so that I could be a double blessing to you and so that you could send me on my way to Judea.
17. Then why, you may be asking, did I change my plan? Hadn't I really made up my mind yet? Or am I like a man of the world who says ``yes" when he really means ``no"?
18. Never! As surely as God is true, I am not that sort of person. My ``yes" means ``yes."
19. Timothy and Silvanus and I have been telling you about Jesus Christ the Son of God. He isn't one to say ``yes" when he means ``no." He always does exactly what he says.

20. He carries out and fulfills all of God's promises, no matter how many of them there are; and we have told everyone how faithful he is, giving glory to his name.
21. It is this God who has made you and me into faithful Christians and commissioned us apostles to preach the Good News.
22. He has put his brand upon us--his mark of ownership--and given us his Holy Spirit in our hearts as guarantee that we belong to him, and as the first installment of all that he is going to give us.
23. I call upon this God to witness against me if I am not telling the absolute truth: the reason I haven't come to visit you yet is that I don't want to sadden you with a severe rebuke.
24. When I come, although I can't do much to help your faith, for it is strong already, I want to be able to do something about your joy: I want to make you happy, not sad.

2 Corinthians 2

1. ``No," I said to myself, ``I won't do it. I'll not make them unhappy with another painful visit."
2. For if I make you sad, who is going to make me happy? You are the ones to do it, and how can you if I cause you pain?
3. That is why I wrote as I did in my last letter, so that you will get things straightened out before I come. Then, when I do come, I will not be made sad by the very ones who ought to give me greatest joy. I felt sure that your happiness was so bound up in mine that you would not be happy either, unless I came with joy.
4. Oh, how I hated to write that letter! It almost broke my heart and I tell you honestly that I cried over it. I didn't want to hurt you, but I had to show you how very much I loved you and cared about what was happening to you.

-- Revised Standard

2 Corinthians 1:12

12. For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience that we have behaved in the world, and still more toward you, with holiness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God.
13. For we write you nothing but what you can read and understand; I hope you will understand fully,
14. as you have understood in part, that you can be proud of us as we can be of you, on the day of the Lord Jesus.
15. Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double pleasure;
16. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea.
17. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans like a worldly man, ready to say Yes and No at once?
18. As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No.
19. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes.
20. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.
21. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us;
22. he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
23. But I call God to witness against me--it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth.
24. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

2 Corinthians 2

1. FOR I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit.
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, 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 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.

-- Simple English

2 Corinthians 1:12

12. This is what makes us feel so good: Our conscience is telling the truth. We have lived our lives in this world purely and with the kind of sincerity from God, especially toward you. We lived by God's gracious love, not human wisdom.

13. We are writing to you only what you can read and understand. I hope you will get a complete understanding,
14. as you have understood parts of what we've said before. Then you can be proud of us, as we will be proud of you on the Day when the Lord Jesus .
15. I was sure of this, so I planned to come to you again. Then you would be helped twice.
16. I planned to visit you on my way to and from the Macedonian area. Then you could help me on my trip to the land of Judea.
17. When I make my plans, do you think I often change my mind? Do I plan in a human way, saying yes when I mean no?
18. God is dependable. Our message to you is not saying one thing and meaning something else.
19. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was preached among you through us--Silas, Timothy, and myself. That message was not inconsistent! No, in Christ, it was a definite yes!
20. All of God's promises are ``yes" in Christ! Through Christ, we glory to God ``Amen."
21. God makes all of us--you and us--firm in Christ. God has chosen us.
22. He sealed us and gave the Spirit as a guarantee in our hearts.
23. I call upon God as my Witness; He knows my motives: I didn't go back again to Corinth, because I didn't want to hurt you.
24. We are not trying to rule over your faith, because you are standing by faith. No, we are working with you, so that you will be happy.

2 Corinthians 2

1. I decided in my own mind that I would not visit you again with sadness.
2. Because, if I make you sad, who will cheer me up? The ones whom I made sad?
3. Why did I write this letter? Because, when I visit, I want you to make me feel happy, as you should, and not sad. I'm sure that all of you are happy when I am happy.
4. I wrote you from a troubled, heavy heart, with many tears. I didn't want to make you feel sad. No, I wanted to show you the great love which I have for you.

-- New American Standard

2 Corinthians 1:12

Paul's Integrity

12. 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.
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.
15. And in this confidence I intended at first to come to you, that you might twice receive a blessing;
16. 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.
17. Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should 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.
19. 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.
20. For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by 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.
23. But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.
24. Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

2 Corinthians 2

Reaffirm Your Love

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?
3. And this is the very thing I wrote you, lest, when I came, I should 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.
4. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

-- New Jerusalem with Apocrypha

2 Corinthians 1:12

Why Paul changed his plans

12. There is one thing that we are proud of, namely our conscientious conviction that we have always behaved towards everyone, and especially towards you, with that unalloyed holiness that comes from God, relying not on human reasoning but on the grace of God.
13. In our writing, there is nothing that you cannot read clearly and understand;
14. and it is my hope that, just as you have already understood us partially, so you will understand fully that you can be as proud of us as we shall be of you when the Day of our Lord Jesus comes.
15. It was with this assurance that I had been meaning to come to you first, so that you would benefit doubly;
16. both to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and then to return to you again from Macedonia, so that you could set me on my way to Judaea.
17. Since that was my purpose, do you think I lightly changed my mind? Or that my plans are based on ordinary human promptings and I have in my mind Yes, yes at the same time as No, no?
18. As surely as God is trustworthy, what we say to you is not both Yes and No.
19. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us, that is, by me and by Silvanus and Timothy, was never Yes-and-No; his nature is all Yes.
20. For in him is found the Yes to all God's promises and therefore it is "through him" that we answer "Amen" to give praise to God.
21. It is God who gives us, with you, a sure place in Christ
22. and has both anointed us and marked us with his seal, giving us as pledge the Spirit in our hearts.
23. By my life I call on God to be my witness that it was only to spare you that I did not come to Corinth again.
24. We have no wish to lord it over your faith, but to work with you for your joy; for your stand in the faith is firm.

2 Corinthians 2

1. I made up my mind, then, that my next visit to you would not be a painful one,
2. for if I cause you distress I am causing distress to my only possible source of joy.
3. Indeed, I wrote as I did precisely to spare myself distress when I visited you, from the very people who should have given me joy, in the conviction that for all of you my joy was yours too.
4. I wrote to you in agony of mind, not meaning to cause you distress but to show you how very much love I have for you.