

## 2 Corinthians

### Week 2 (April 23): The Testimony of our Conscience - 2 Cor. 1:12-2:4

#### Introduction

- Open your time in prayer and read the passage together.
- Give everyone 15 minutes to answer the five following questions:  
Write your answers after each question.
- Take one question at a time and have people share their answers.
- End your time by sharing and praying for one another.

#### Passage:

<sup>12</sup>For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. <sup>13</sup>For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand— <sup>14</sup>just as you did partially understand us—that on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.

<sup>15</sup>Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? <sup>18</sup>As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup>And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup>and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

<sup>23</sup>But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

<sup>2</sup>For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. <sup>2</sup>For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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.



**-What stuck out to you in the passage?** This might be something

significant (facts, details), it might be the way something is talked about (as a simile, metaphor or image) or a literary device used (lists, repetition, contrasts, comparisons, quotes, etc.).



**-Do you have any questions from the passage?** Notice anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord.



**-How do you see Jesus in the passage?** How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character, or work of Jesus?



**-How can I apply this passage to my life?**



**Who is one person that could benefit from you sharing what you learned in this passage today?**

**Close your time by sharing prayer requests and praying.**