## **Sermon Outline**

## WHAT IS GODLY SORROW? | Paul Harrington

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

We all experience sorrow, grief, heartache, regrets, tears...

2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

What is Godly sorrow?

1. Good friends cause sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:8-10)

2 Corinthians 7:8 Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter I do not regret it.

2 Corinthians 7:12 So even though I wrote to you...

2 Corinthians 2:3-4 I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. ...For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

The motives for causing sorrow? (2 Corinthians 7:2-7)

Do you have good friends who cause you to feel sorrow for sin?

2. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:8-10)

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What is the difference?

- Both have sorrow in common
- Worldly sorrow?

- Godly sorrow involves
  - Repentance
  - Salvation
- 3. Godly sorrow means no regrets (2 Corinthians 7:10-16)
- How is that possible? 2 Corinthians 5:21

The sorrow that God intends us to have

- The courage to speak
- No wallowing in grief/sorrow
- Sorrow and joy are close friends