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2 CORINTHIANS

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Comfort & Love 2 Cor. 1:1 – 2:4

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2 Questions:

- a. Why are we here this morning?
- b. How do you tell someone you love them when they don't want to listen?

2 Corinthians Summary:

C1-7: Paul reconciles with the Corinthians

C8-9: Paul addresses the topic of forgotten generosity – the collection for Jerusalem.

C10-13: Paul challenges the remaining Corinthians who still reject him.

Paul wrote a letter based on reports, possibly from Apollos after his initial visit (Ac. 18.27-19.1) of the prevalence of sexual immorality among the Corinthians (1 Cor. 5.9-10)

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Paul then received correspondence from the Corinthians with questions on: marriage, food sacrificed to idols, spiritual gifts, the Collection (for Jerusalem) and the prospect of Apollos' return (1 Cor. 7.1, 25; 8.1,4; 12.1; 16.1, 12), as well as troubling news about the Corinthians from house-church leaders about factions, incest, lawsuits, women dressing in culturally inappropriate ways, disorder in worship and denials of the resurrection (1 Cor. 1.11; 5.1; 6.1; 11.18; 15.12; 16.17)

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Timothy arrived in Corinth and saw that things had deteriorated, Paul's instructions had not been heeded; he returned to Ephesus.

On hearing the news of the situation from Timothy, instead of travelling to Corinth via Macedonia as planned (1 Cor. 16.5-6, 2 Cor. 1.16), Paul rushed over to Corinth apparently by direct sea voyage, and made a 'painful visit', which further strained his relationship with the church (2 Cor. 2.1) as he made stern warnings to the believers there (2 Cor. 12.21; 13.1-2).

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Paul returned to Ephesus, and in his absence was viciously attacked by some ringleader in Corinth. He then wrote a 'letter of tears', delivered by Titus, which grieved the Corinthians further (2 Cor. 2.1-11; 7.8-12).

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Paul travelled to Macedonia (2 Cor.2.12-13) where he found Titus, who reported how the Corinthians had been reconciled to him through his tearful letter (2 Cor. 7.6-16).

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Titus informs Paul of the super-apostles' visit, who had disparaged Paul's ministry as inferior to their own (2 Cor. 11.5; 12.11)

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians from Macedonia, celebrating the Corinthians' reconciliation to him, giving them further instruction about Titus who had the task of finalizing the Collection (2 Cor. 8.6, 16-25; 12.18) and preparing them for his third visit (2 Cor. 12.14; 13.1-2).

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Paul returned to Ephesus, while away he's attacked by a leader.

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Titus reports they are reconciled to him through his tearful letter.

Titus reports the visit of the 'super-apostles'.

Paul writes 2 Corinthians



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2 Corinthians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,

To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people
throughout Achaia:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

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Matthew 5:44-47 – Jesus says,
But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

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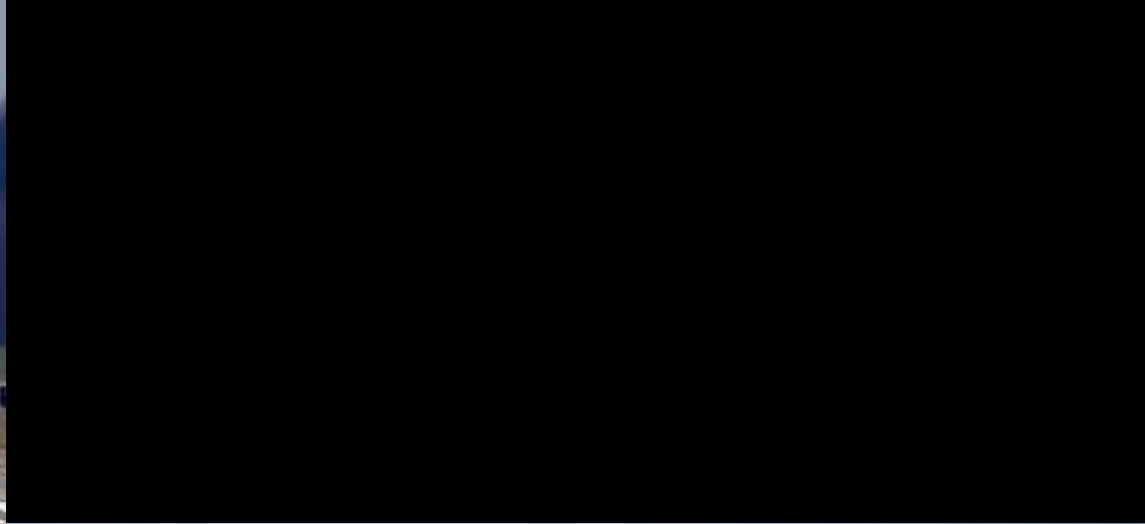
The importance of being ... Fickle?

I can't stop thinking
about you and my
other options.

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2 Corinthians 1:16-17

I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea. ¹⁷ Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?



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2 Corinthians 1:18-22

But **as surely as God is faithful**, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” **but in him it has always been “Yes.”** ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the **“Amen”** is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 2:1-4

So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. ² For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? ³ I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. ⁴ 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.

Colossians 3:13-15

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in **perfect unity**.

¹⁵ **Let** the **peace** of Christ **rule** in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

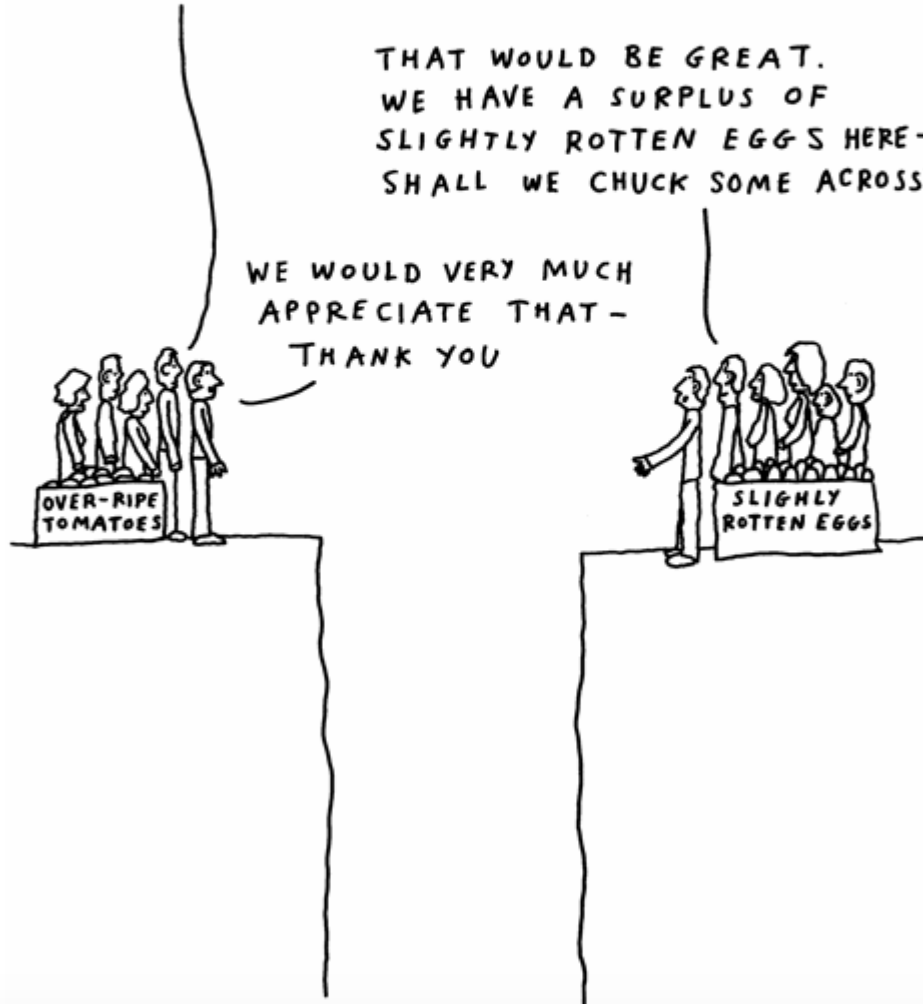


HOW CHRISTIANS CAN WORK
TOGETHER ACROSS THE DIVIDE

WE'VE GOT SOME OVER-RIPE
TOMATOES HERE - WOULD YOU
LIKE US TO THROW SOME OVER?

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF
SLIGHTLY ROTTEN EGGS HERE -
SHALL WE CHUCK SOME ACROSS?

WE WOULD VERY MUCH
APPRECIATE THAT -
THANK YOU



Love is not:
easy, queasy or sleazy

Love is:

- giving not taking
- accepting the other despite our differences
- obedience

