



# ON A PERSONAL NOTE

## Studies in 2 Corinthians

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## The Hurt Locker 2 Corinthians 6-7



**Authentic Christianity  
is fleshed out in our  
personal experiences**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

In the 2009 movie *The Hurt Locker*, we see men who risk their lives daily for the sake of the safety and well being of their fellow soldiers by defusing IED’s, bombs. In these two chapters, Paul is sharing how we as Christians have the same task spiritually for our fellow members of the Body of Christ. The church in Corinth was struggling to maintain a faithful walk with Christ as many external and internal forces tried to create division, doubt, and confusion. Paul first shares how they should not take for granted the grace of God that they had received through Christ and that the grace received was available right then for them and right now for us today. There were people on the outside that were trying to discredit Paul’s ability and authority to be an apostle. His defense is that he

maintained a faithful ministry in all situations, good and bad, painful and joyful. Paul’s heart is that they see how much he loves them and is open with them. He encourages them to do the same with him because they were apparently reaching out instead to unbelievers for support and partnership. Paul warns them that such alliances result in poisoning of the Gospel and of them. The immense love of God is emphasized and His relationship to us as His sons and daughters. Paul’s point is why would you rely on anyone else with God as your Father? This is one of the spiritual IED’s that can reek havoc in the Body. As he moves into chapter 7, Paul begins to discuss his deep love for them and that this love motivated his rebukes of their sin. It hurt him to have to send a

rebuke but the results were worth the pain. Paul was willing to endure physical and emotional pain if it would bring about true repentance and Godly sorrow in their lives. The results of this rebuke for the Corinthians was that they dealt with the problem with zeal and a willingness to do whatever it took to correct the problem. This also spilled over into a blessing for Titus, who Paul sent to relay this letter of rebuke. He was encouraged by their faithful response and their deep care for him while he was there. We also should let Godly sorrow have its work completed in us, defusing those spiritual IED’s before they destroy us.

## Study Questions for 2 Corinthians 6-7

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study\\_questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions))

1. Read II Cor. 6:1-2. What does “And” in verse 1 refer to (see 5:20)? What should believers response be and why (v.2)?	
2. From 6:3-10, what did Paul refuse to do (v.3)? Why? What should we do (v.4)? What examples of this are listed (v.4-10)?	
3. In 6:11-13, how had Paul treated them (v.11) and what was their response (v.12)? Why? How should they have responded (v.13)?	

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## 2 Corinthians 6-7 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. As he continues in 6:14-16a, what does Paul tell them not to do (v.14)? Why should they avoid this (v.14-16a)? How

5. Reading on in 6:16b-18, how does Paul describe God's relationship with us (v.16b)? What is expected in return (v.17)?

6. In 7:1, what should be the response to these promises (see v.16-18) both in general, and then specifically for you?

7. From 7:2-4, what is asked for and why (v2)? How did Paul feel towards the Corinthians (v.3-4)? How, then, should we feel towards our fellow believers?

8. In 7:5-7, what was Paul's experience in Macedonia (v.5)? What did God do for Paul (v.6) and what else caused him to rejoice (v.7)? What does that say to us?

9. Continuing in 7:8-13a, what had already occurred and how did Paul react (v.8-9)? Why? What is the difference between true repentance and worldly repentance (v.10-13a)?

10. In 7:13b-16, who else was affected by the Corinthians response (v.13b)? List the ways (v.14-15)? How would the same be seen in our own lives?

11 Looking back over 2 Cor 6-7 what was the impact personally for Paul as he remained faithful (6:1-10)? How is integrity to show itself in our faithfulness (6:11-7:1) and why is inter-dependence vital to being faithful (7:2-16)?

### Scripture to Remember

“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

**2 Corinthians 7:10 (NASB)**

### Celebration Fellowship

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### Life Group Questions—*What Must I Do? (Not a Fan, Week 3)*

*(Using questions from Sunday's sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Open with several sharing about when they feel most closely connected to Jesus. What difference does that make in your daily life?
2. Reflect on the video. Why does Darren hold onto his “map” when Eric, who gave it to him, basically tears his up? Also, what do you make of the symbolism of Darren tossing his heart back in the box and then eventually passing it on to Kyle?
3. Read Matt 19:16-30. Why was the young man sad, and why were the disciples surprised at Jesus' statement? In what ways is v.29 true?
4. Discuss what it means, “The problem wasn't that he had money, but that his money had him.” Has anything ever “had” you? What was that like?
5. Talk about the last time that your relationship with Jesus “cost” you something. Why did you do it and what were the results?
6. Share with the group something that you believe Jesus might be telling you to give up for Him right now?
7. Close in prayer with each person silently asking God to remove that one thing that might be holding them back from a full commitment to Jesus.