



Part 9: The Low Place of Repentance
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**Life's lowest moments bring the greatest opportunity
to see Jesus as the source of all hope.**

⁸ Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while — ⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. – 2 Corinthians 7:8-9

**There is a huge difference between hurting someone's feelings
and doing harm to their soul.**

¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. ¹² So even though I wrote to you, it was neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. ¹³ By all this we are encouraged. – 2 Corinthians 7:10-13

The most powerful one-word sermon (that no one wants to hear):
Repent!

The Low Place of Repentance

1) Repentance leads to purposeful and godly grief

(verse 9: Godly sorrow brings repentance...)

What godly repentance sounds like:

“I am but dust and ashes” – Genesis 18:28

“I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes” – Job 42:6

“I am a man of unclean lips” – Isaiah 6:5

It's not godly repentance when you regret for the consequences more than the offense!)

The Low Place of Repentance, continued

- 2) Repentance from sin creates a disgust and distaste over sin
(verse 11: ...what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern...)
- 3) Repentance opens the heart to restitution
(verse 11 ...what readiness to see justice done...)
- 4) Repentance opens the door to personal revival
(verses 11-12 ...what fear...)
- 5) Repentance allows you to move forward
(verse 10 ...and leaves no regret...)
- 6) Repentance touches the whole family
(verse 13 By all this, we are encouraged.)

The low moment of repentance reveals the hope of Jesus' mercy.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What did you do to celebrate Mother's Day?
- 2) What's the difference between hurting someone's feelings and harming someone's soul? Have you ever had to do either? What was your motive?
- 3) How do you know if your sorrow is godly or worldly? What's the difference to you?
- 4) Review 2 Corinthians 7 and the listed points about repentance. How does repentance reveal Jesus as the source of all hope?
- 5) What do you need to repent of? Before whom? When?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?