

“THREADS FOR MENDING HURTED FEELINGS”

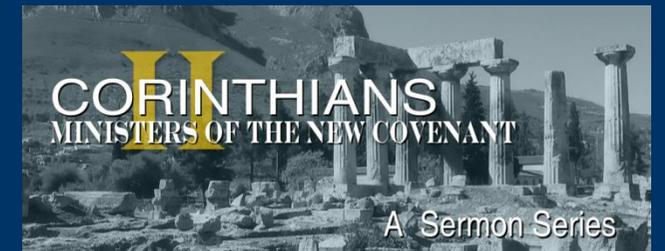
(2 Corinthians 12:19 – 13:4)

Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 26

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INTRODUCTION:

PORCUPINES & CHRISTIANS



We profess that we need each other but when we get together, we prick each other.

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Rom 12:10 *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*



17 *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19** Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

INTRODUCTION:

The story of 3 Unlikely Friends



Leo the Lion, Baloo the Bear, Shere Khan the Tiger

I. QUALITIES THAT ENCOURAGE RELATIONAL RELIEF

A) *Insight*

B) *Honesty*

C) *Firmness*

D) *Clarity*



II. BACKGROUND ON THE PAUL CORINTHIAN CONFLICT

A) From without, there were distinct cultural differences.

A) Paul was Jewish; the Corinthians were Greeks.

B) Paul was intellectual; the Corinthians were emotional.

C) Paul was theological; the Corinthians were rational.

B) From within, there was the problem of the Corinthians comparing Paul to Peter and Apollos.



III. EXPOSING WRONG AND HEALING A RIFT

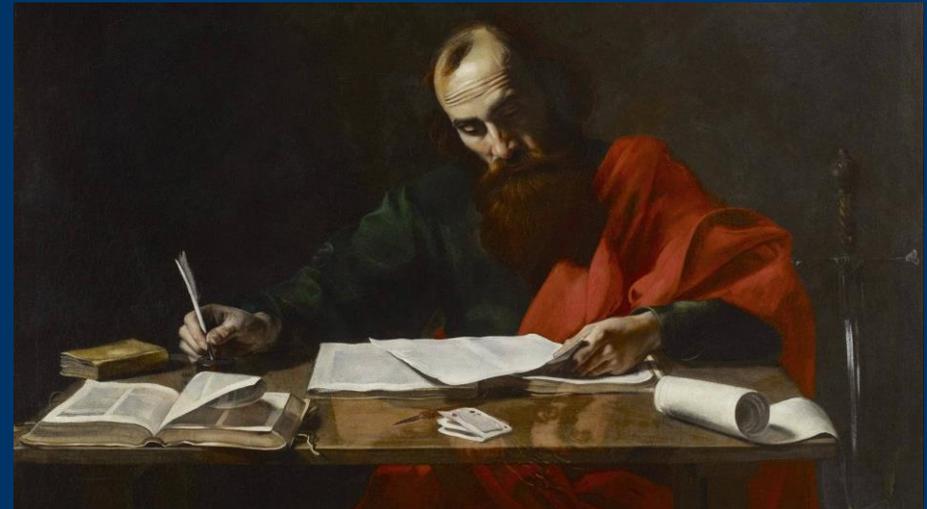
A) *The Insight of Paul*

2 Cor 12:19 Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening.

First, he states their thinking.

Second, he declares his credibility in the sight of God.

Third, he states his motive in doing all things for their edification.



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B) The Honesty of Paul

2 Cor 12:20 *For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, dispute, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.*

1. Discord

2. Jealousy

3. Fits of Rage

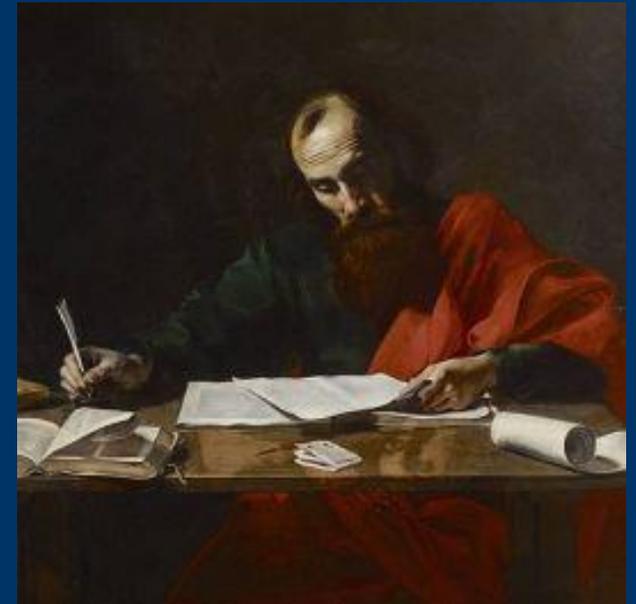
4. Dispute

5. Slander

6. Gossip

7. Arrogance

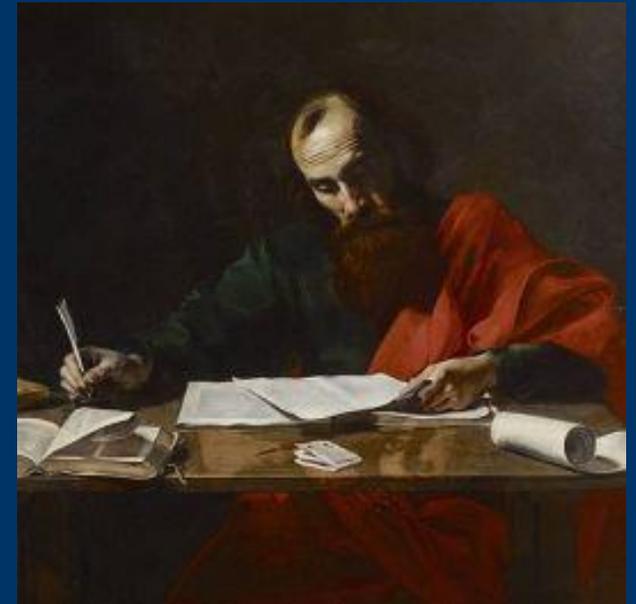
8. Disorder



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2 Cor 12:21 I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

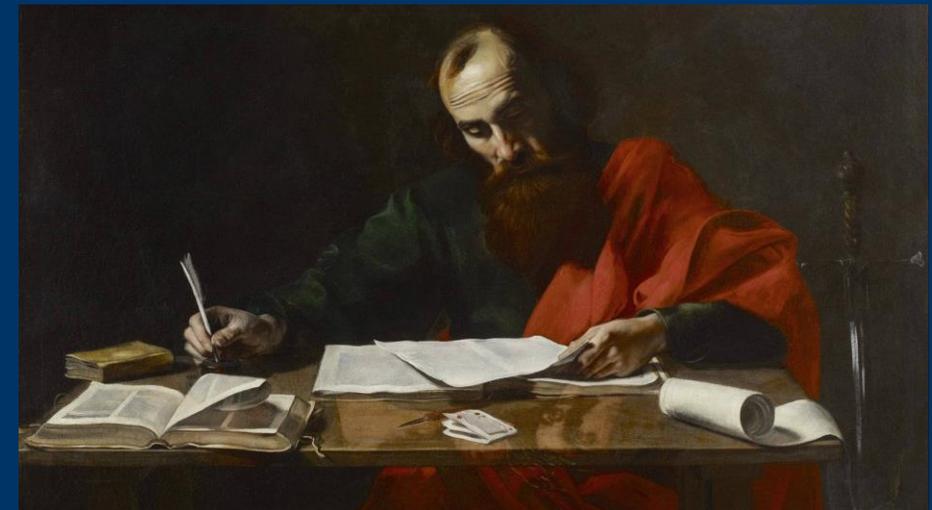


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C) *The Firmness of Paul*

2 Cor 13:1 *This will be my third visit to you. "Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."*

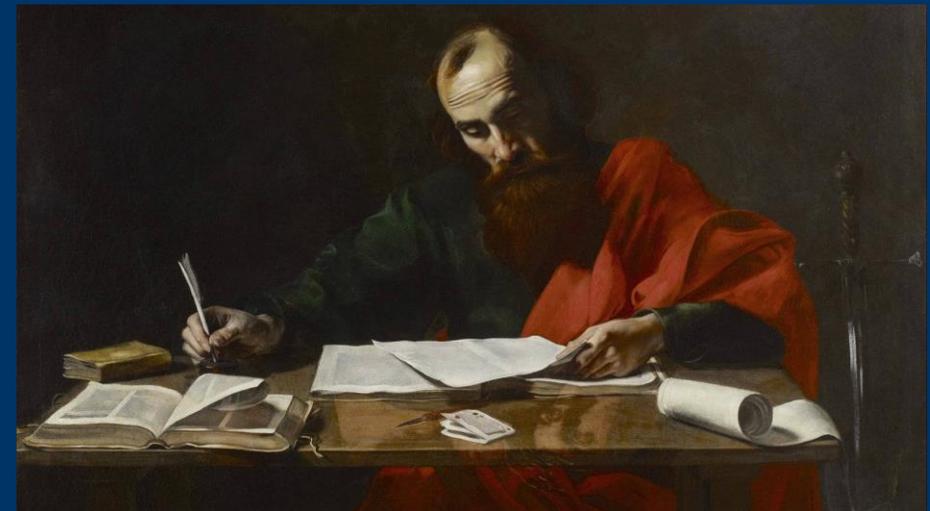
2 Cor 13:2 *I already gave you a warning when I was with you the second time. I now repeat it while absent: On my return I will not spare those who sinned earlier or any of the others,*



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D) *The Clarity of Paul*

2 Cor 13:3 *Since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. ⁴ For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you.*



CONCLUSION:



Conflicts will crop up in your life as sure as weeds in a garden. When they do, here are three pieces of advice that will help you weed them out of your life.



- 1. Before blaming, attempt identification.***
- 2. Instead of arguing, ask some questions.***
- 3. Rather than retaliating, pursue restoration.***



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is it not easy for Christians to live together in peace and harmony? What are some factors that cause friction and conflict?*
- 2. What are some qualities that encourage relational harmony?*
- 3. What are some factors that lead to conflict between Paul and the Corinthians?*
- 4. What are some of the wrongs that Paul points out among the Corinthians?*



Scripture References:

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