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[2 Co 2:1](#) So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you.

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[2](#) For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved?

[2](#) For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?

[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.

[3](#) And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all.

[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.

[4](#) For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

[5](#) If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely.

[5](#) Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you.

[6](#) The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

[6](#) For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough,

[7](#) Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

[7](#) so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

[8](#) I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

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[9](#) Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.

[9](#) For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything.

[10](#) Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,

[10](#) Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,

[11](#) in order that Satan might not outwit us. [11](#) so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

[12](#) Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, [12](#) When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord,

[13](#) I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia. [13](#) my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

[14](#) But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. [14](#) But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

[15](#) For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. [15](#) For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

[16](#) To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? [16](#) to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

[17](#) Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God. [17](#) For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.