

Heart Defects

2 Corinthians 1:12 – 2:4

- We should have INTEGRITY flowing from God's GRACE. 1:12-14
- We should have LOYALTY flowing from God's FAITHFULNESS. 1:15-22
- We should have SENSITIVITY flowing from LOVE. 1:23-2:4

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever seen or had a medical scan that amazed you at what you could see? If God pointed out one defect in your life this week, what would it be in one or two words?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:12. What are some ways that Paul describes integrity? What stands out to you? In your life how is this difficult or easy? What is the source of integrity according to this verse? How can you cultivate this in your life? (see 2 Cor 2:17, 4:2, 12:19)
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:15-17. Have you ever had something in your life (maybe a small thing) go the way you didn't want it to go, and then questioned God? How would Paul respond to you based on verses 18-20? Based on this how can you respond better next time?
4. Read Hebrews 13:17 and Acts 20:28-32. What is the admonishment towards church leaders? What is the admonishment towards the church body? What is the reasoning behind each of these admonishments? How have you seen this done well?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:19-20. How do all of God's promises find their fulfillment in Jesus (see Gal 3:29, Eph 3:6-7, Rom 15:8, Col 2:17, Hebrews 10:1, John 1:17)?
6. Read Romans 8:31-32. What situations make it difficult to see how God is for you? Do you ever have bad things happen to you and think God is against you? Do you ever doubt His sovereign faithfulness? How can we mature in our trust in Him?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22. What are the four reminders of God's faithfulness Paul mentions here? What do these mean and how are they encouraging to you? (see Col 2:6-7; 1 John 2:20, 27; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, 2 Timothy 2:19)
8. Read 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4. What does real love look like according to this passage? What is the relationship between sensitivity, love, and discipline?

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Strength

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