

Today's Topic: A Mission of Encouragement 2 Corinthians 1:18-24 Sunday, October 10, 2021

1. God's	
"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not 'Yes' and 'No,' but in him it has always been 'Yes.' For matter how many promises God has made, they are '' in Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:19-20a	
2. God's	
"And so through him the '' is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." 2 Corinthians 1:20b-22	
3. God's	
"I call God as my witness—and I stake my life on it—that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your, because it is by faith you stand firm." 2 Corinthians 1:23-24	

The Point:

Next Steps: How will we up our encouragement game?

Reminder: Facing Tough Questions Course continues tomorrow

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Do most Americans think that Christians are a positive or a negative influence on our culture? What leads you to this conclusion?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:19-20. What "promises" from the Old Testament are fulfilled and confirmed when Jesus becomes flesh?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-21. List all the ways that God is working to enable us in our mission. How does His work motivate us to engage in this mission?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:23-24. How can we share the good news of Christ's "yes" with the world around us?
- 5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?