

STRENGTH in WEAKNESS

The Enduring Joy of Real Repentance

2 Corinthians 7:4b (ESV)

In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

In the **backdrop**: A _____ letter (v. 8)

The **enemy of joy**: _____!

The irony: Sin offers us _____, but robs us of _____!

When we are _____ (by someone) and _____ (by God), the result is _____.

What about those who don't grieve over their sin?

The critical key: What _____ of grief?

Godly grief →

Worldly grief →

Some insights on **confrontation**:

_____ must be the motive. (2 Corinthians 2:4)

_____ must be the aim (not _____) (7:3)

_____ must be the practice (7:8)

2 possible outcomes:

Rejection →

Repentance →

Epilogue: **A pastor's joy**

2 Corinthians 7:4 (ESV)

⁴ I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

2 Corinthians 7:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

Joy that I ...

Joy that you ...