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SOLIDIFYING OUR RELATIONSHIPS
2 CORINTHIANS 7:2-4

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2 Cor. 7:2 *Make room in your hearts for us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one.*
3 *I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.*
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.*
(ESV)

1. Don't _____ (v.2)

2. Be _____ (v.3)

3. Boldly _____ (v.4)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Thessalonians 1:3-4**. How should Paul's way of noticing, valuing, and speaking about other believers shape the way we relate to our Christian friends today? How can you improve in this?
2. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. In what specific ways do you see selfishness showing up in your own friendships, causing you to prioritize your needs instead of the good of those you consider close Christian friends?
3. Read **Proverbs 20:6**. Why, in the current climate of flaky relationships and hollow promises, is it important for you as a Christian to be a loyal, faithful, and reliable friend?
4. Read **Proverbs 17:17**. Who in your life is going through a hard time, and how can you tangibly demonstrate loyal, dependable love to them this week?
5. Read **Proverbs 16:24**. Why does it feel almost unnatural for us to offer sincere, gracious encouragement to our Christian friends, and why do we tend to save those words for rare moments instead of giving them freely?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Family**
Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivaled Fellowship of God's Church**
Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**
Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional about Biblical Fellowship**
Msg. 16-23 – **Kindness & Encouragement**
Msg. 11-34 – **Working Harder at Love & Unity**
Msg. 21-35 – 21-39 – **A Unified Church (a six-part series)**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Nov. 23rd..... Ezk.29-31 & Jms.5
Nov. 24th..... Ezk.32-33 & 1Pt.1
Nov. 25th..... Ezk.34-35 & 1Pt.2
Nov. 26th..... Ezk.36-37 & 1Pt.3
Nov. 27th..... Ezk.38-39 & 1Pt.4
Nov. 28th..... Ezk.40 & 1Pt.5
Nov. 29th..... Ezk.41-42 & 2Pt.1
Nov. 30th..... Ezk.43-44 & 2Pt.2

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **Life Together**. Harper & Row, 1954.
Dever, Mark, and Jamie Dunlop. **The Compelling Community**. Crossway, 2015.
Getz, Gene. **Building Up One Another**. David C. Cook, 2002.
Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Cruciform Press, 2014.
Hunter, Drew. **Made for Friendship: The Relationship That Halves Our Sorrows & Doubles Our Joys**. Crossway, 2018.
Jeremiah, David. **The Power of Encouragement**. Multnomah, 1997.
Kendall, R. T. **Total Forgiveness**. Charisma House, 2002.
Lewis, C. S. **The Four Loves**. Harcourt, 1960.
McCracken, Brett. **Uncomfortable**. Crossway, 2017.
Miller, Paul. **A Loving Life**. Crossway, 2014.
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.
Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker**. Baker Books, 1991.
Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.