

# PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

## 2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 12:11-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THIS?

*developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.*

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**Service, Dedication, Maturity, Discipleship**

Introduction to the Text;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:11-15**

#### 2 Corinthians 12:11-15

I have **become** a fool in boasting; you have **compelled** me. For I ought to have been **commended** by you; for in nothing was I **behind** the most **eminent** apostles, though I am **nothing**. **12** Truly the **signs** of an apostle were accomplished among you with all **(1) perseverance**, **(2) in signs** and **(3) wonders** and **(4) mighty deeds**.

**13** For what is it in which you were **inferior** to other churches, except that I myself was not **burdensome** to you? **Forgive me this wrong!** **14** Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be **burdensome** to you; for **I do not seek yours**, but **you**. For the children ought not to **lay up** for the parents, but the parents for the children. **15** And I will very **gladly spend** and **be spent for your souls**; though the more **abundantly** I love you, the **less** I am loved.

**There is perhaps, nothing more painful to a parent, than when your child becomes unthankful – without gratitude.**

**There is nothing you can do, because it is an issue of the heart.**

#### Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

**What you believe & Where you place your faith & How you live - matters**

### WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THIS

**1.) That is so willing**

**v. 11**

### WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THIS THAT'S SO WILLING

**1a.) So willing to become vulnerable**

**v. 11a**

I have **become** a **fool** in boasting; for in nothing was I **behind** the most **eminent** apostles, though I am **nothing**.

I have **become** a **fool** (*silly, shameless*) in boasting;  
you have **compelled** me (*made it necessary*)

have you ever tried to get your toddler-baby to eat what is really good for them?

( you turn yourself into an apparent lunatic just to get them to eat what's good )

I was compelled to become vulnerable before you – because of your resistance to me.

### 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

## GOD'S LOVE WAS WILLING TO BECOME VULNERABLE

### Psalms 53:1-3

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good. 2 God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. 3 Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

### Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 **even the righteousness of God, through faith (offering) in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### Romans 8:3-4

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, **God did by sending His own Son** in the likeness (of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THIS THAT'S SO WILLING

1b.) **So willing to become the least**

v. 11b

for in nothing was I **behind** ( *less gifted, or ill prepared* ) the most **eminent** apostles, though I am **nothing**.

This almost sounds like a paradox if it wasn't so true. (the world cannot understand this)

"I am no less anointed than the other apostles -  
the proof is in the fact that, God uses me and I have become nothing."

### Mark 9:35

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "**If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.**"

When God invites you to grow deeper in the relationship – he does it by giving us **#1** – the opportunity and **#2** - the power to do what the opportunity brings.

**Matthew 20:25**

But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**WHAT LOVE IS THIS THAT'S SO WILLING**

**1c.) So willing to become like Christ**

**v. 11c**

It's God's will - that the world see Christ in us as an example.

"They had been with Jesus."

**Galatians 4:18-19**

It is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again (*second birth*) until Christ is formed in you,

**John 13:12-17**

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

The more I become like Jesus, the better it is for you.

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