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2 Corinthians 7:8-12

The saga of Paul's concern over the way he approached the Corinthian congregation regarding the struggle that escalated between him and them touched a deep and resonant place in his heart. It caused him to reflect on the letter he sent to Corinth via Titus which he now admits caused sorrow to some of the folks. It appears that he had some second thoughts about his stern retort. But as he kicks it around in his mind and heart he is reminded that it is honest sorrow that brings about repentance. So, at the moment, what may have seemed harsh turned out to be the catalyst to bring about revival and renewal. Paul used the occasion to commend the Corinthians on their recovery and demonstrate his devotion to them as a vital part of the body of Christ.

A couple of observations present themselves here for possible discussion. (1) Christians need to repent when they have hurt or offended others whether or not harm or offense was intended. (2) Such circumstances can be used to bring honest and truthful solutions to problems that otherwise might eventually surface unresolved with deeper consequences.

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