



MESSAGE NOTES

Restoration

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

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1. Repentance and Relationship

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“9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. 10 **Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation** and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

Godly sorrow changes the heart and leads us to repentance.

- Repentance isn't only about the sin itself, it's about the damage done to the relationship.

2. Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

- Asking for forgiveness shows humility.
- With God there is immediate forgiveness.
- With people trust can be lost in an instant, but takes time to build back again.

3. Restoration: Making Things Right

Luke 19:8 “Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’”

- If you've caused damage — to someone's belongings, reputation, or heart — it's important to make it right.
- Restoration completes the process and rebuilds the relationship.
- Jesus came so we could have LIFE, not separation and DEATH:

The steps from separation to restored relationship:

Sin → Separation → Regret → Repentance → Forgiveness → Restoration → Relationship

Conclusion

- Will regret lead to repentance? Or to a hardened heart?
- Hebrews 3:8** “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Regret feels bad about what happened

Repentance is a heart change that turns away from sin toward God

Note: There is no shortcut from separation to restored relationship.