

“God’s Glory in Clay Pots”

Outline for Lesson 3, week 4

Today we will touch on:

- Clear communication and how it’s delivered
- Some people change
- Forgiveness is the place where change begins
- Restoration and the love needed
- Be aware of the schemes

II Cor. 2: 1-4

- The last visit ended painfully and Paul didn’t want a repeat.
- Paul again explains his decisions and actions. However, he is doing so with great tenderness and honesty.
- His intent isn’t to harm them, even though it hurt them. “True discipline is an evidence of love”. Paul did love them and care for their maturity and their well being. *Heb. 12: 11*
- Difficult conversations can deepen a relationship. *Prov. 27:6*
- The purpose of the distance.

II Cor. 2:5-8

- Some people change
- The transformation process begins and doesn’t cease until we meet Him face to face. In my life and in their life.
- Forgiveness is the place where change begins. For the ones who caused the grief and for the ones who were grieved...forgiveness is the place where change begins.

- Is it too late? The excuses are whispered in our ears. Eph. 4: 31-32
- Receive it and extend it.
- He disarmed the power of the enemy
- RESTORATION, without restoration there is a wide open invitation for the enemy to be at work in the church and in the life of that person. (II Samuel)
Remember, some people change.
- Who are we, who know forgiveness, to withhold forgiveness? Mt. 18: 21-35
- Don't mark the one who seeks forgiveness. Instead reach out to them, come along side of them.
- Reaffirm means "set this example".
- The measure of a man/woman. I Cor. 13

2Cr 2:9-11

- Paul reminds them of the purpose of the letter and that he trusts them.
- The schemes of Satan.

REMEMBER:

Remember that God uses us in others lives with conversations of chosen words.

Remember that some people change.

Let us remember the picture of His hands changing us and changing others.

Remember that restoration is what we are living in our own lives and that we help our brothers and sisters in the process.

Remember the reality of the power of un-forgiveness and it's symptoms.

Remember how to disarm the enemy in your life.

Soften up, allow His living water to pour over you, as He forms you and transforms you.