

# The Joy in Obedience

**Assignment:** Read 2 Corinthians 6:1 – 7:4

**Outline:**

## I. Obedience and the Grace of God (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)

Be Offenseless (2 Cor. 6:3)

Be Commended (2 Cor. 6:4-10)

## II. Obedience and Separation (2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1)

Separate from Unequal Partnerships (2 Cor. 6:14-18)

Separate from the Defilement of Sin (2 Cor. 7:1)

## III. Separation and Love (2 Corinthians 7:2-4)

Because of Paul's Integrity (2 Cor. 7:2)

Because of Paul's Confidence (2 Cor. 7:3-4)

### Starter Questions

1. How did God speak to you through this passage?
2. What questions came to mind as you read this passage?
3. How is my life going to be different from reading this passage?

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**Potential Discussion Questions**

1. How do other people offend you? What do you do that offends others? How can these actions make the grace of God “vain” or empty in your life? How can the realization of His grace help you not to offend? What would change in your actions, thoughts, motives, and priorities?
2. Why do people tend to take credit themselves? What evidence in your life would commend you to others? Think of several people you know. What evidence of grace do you see in their lives?
3. What might be some unequal yokes with unbelievers today? What practical impact should the application of this biblical life principle (6:16-17) have upon personal, professional, and business relationships? How could close relationships with unbelievers lead Christians to become insensitive to God’s will?
4. What does it mean to have the blessing of God?
5. Why and how does sin defile us? What specifically would you say is “filthiness of the flesh and spirit” (7:1)?
6. Why did Paul insist the Corinthians recognize his integrity? What is integrity? How could you recognize its characteristics in your life or another’s?
7. How does the love of Christ differ from human love? (Consider Romans 5:6-8.) How can we feel this kind of love toward others? How can you be a comfort and encouragement to those around you?

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