2 CORINTHIANS

The Benefit of Inadequacy

2 Corinthians12:11-13:14

"Worth Revisiting"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

What is worth revisiting in your life to find

comfort in difficulty?

What is God pursuing in my life

that I avoid revisiting and why?

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- 2. <u>Disappointment</u> 12:20-13:4
- 3. <u>Failure</u> 13:5-14

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Reasons for Pushback Reasons for Pursuit

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Relational Problems and Sensuality Issues
Restorative Aim

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Test of faith – Christ in You?

"So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits."

– Matthew 7:17-20

"but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

– John 10:26-28

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What's worth revisiting?