

From Distress to Joy

2nd Corinthians 7:5-16

(series #22)

Intro: the struggle with discouragement/depression

I. The Coming of Titus vv. 5-7

- A. The resumption of the story from 2:13
- B. The distress of Paul v. 5
- C. The joy in seeing Titus v. 6
- D. The joy from the report brought by Titus v. 7

II. Paul's Thoughts about His Letter vv. 8-12

- A. Paul's 2nd thoughts about the letter v. 8
- B. The letter produced godly sorrow v. 9
- C. The contrast with worldly sorrow v. 10
- Matthew 27:3-5
- D. The traits of genuine repentance v. 11
- eagerness, apology, indignation, fear, desire,
zeal, vindication
- E. Paul's motive behind the letter v. 12

III. The Joy of Titus & Confidence of Paul vv. 13-16

Conclusion: God is the "God who comforts the downcast"