

TRUTH THAT HEALS

August 2, 2020 2 Corinthians 7:5-16 by Bob Branch
Real Faith in Raw Times, part 13

BIG IDEA: God brings truth to us to restore, heal and free us, if we will be responsive and cooperate with him.

⁸ Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance.

1. **God** _____. (in all kinds of ways)

“If you continue to follow my teaching, you are really my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:31-32** ^{NET}

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. ¹¹ See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

2. _____ precedes Change.

The Spirit “will convict the world of sin” **John 16:8**

2 Kinds of SORROW

Good grief turns toward God, his ways, his perspective and away from what we were thinking and doing.

We have a CHOICE of what we do with our sorrow.

The FEELINGS aren't the repentance.

¹² So even though I wrote to you, it was neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. ¹³ By all this we are encouraged.

3. **Internal change becomes** _____.

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.” **Matthew 3:8** NLT

¹³ In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well. And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling. I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.

4. _____ are impacted.

“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.” **Luke 19:8**

SO, WHAT NOW?

a _____ your discomfort.

b _____: What is God saying in the discomfort?

c **What concrete** _____ **do you need to take in responding to God?**