

How Should We Treat Someone Who Messed Up?
2 Corinthians 2:5-11
Hope for Cracked Pots—Part 2
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⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. ⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹ Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. --2 Corinthians - 2:5 -11

Whenever you study the Bible you should always ask at least three questions:

Question #1: What do the words mean to the people addressed at the _____ they were written?

Question #2: What are the principles revealed in this passage that _____ to all Christians everywhere?

And Question #3: How do these words and biblical principles apply to _____ today?

As it relates to this passage of scripture, we're going to answer all three questions in that order.

THE ISSUE: Someone sinned and was _____ by the group.

THE RESULT: The guilty person was _____ and _____.

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THE GOAL: We should seek to _____ those who have repented.

According to this scripture there are two things involved in restoration:

1. RESTORATION MEANS: Forgive them because _____ have been forgiven.

When you forgive someone you are basically making three promises to them:

- A. To the person who repents you say, "I promise that I won't allow our relationship to be governed any longer _____ of what you did. I will treat you as if it never happened."
- B. You're also saying, "I promise that I won't _____ this information along to anyone else."
- C. "I promise myself that I will _____ the act of forgiveness every time this issue resurfaces in my memory."

2. RESTORATION MEANS: Love them because _____ have been loved.

THE IMPACT: Restoration _____ Satan's plans.