

## **“Loving People Enough”**

### 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

## **I. Explanatory Background**

### **A) God is in the Details**

### **B) The Corinthian Correspondence**

- 1) First Visit
- 2) “Previous Letter”
- 3) Reports
- 4) Paul Sends Timothy
- 5) Writes 1 Corinthians
- 6) Second Visit i.e. “Painful Visit”
- 7) Writes “Severe Letter” - today’s passage
- 8) Paul opts not to Visit a 3<sup>rd</sup> time - today’s passage
- 9) Titus meets Paul with Good Report
- 10) Writes 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians - around 56AD
- 11) Third Visit - ~57 AD

## **II. God’s Timing is the Best Timing**

### **A) A Time to Trust God**

*Loving People Enough ... give time*

- 1) Opposition to Follow Through  
2 Corinthians 10:10; Judges 11:31; 1 Kings 2:20-21
- 2) Glorifying God and Benefiting others
  - a) Sometimes an immediate response is needed - Matthew 5:23-26 Ephesians 4:26-27
  - b) Sometimes Spirit-led delay is appropriate - 2 Corinthians 1:23-24
    - i) You might need to work through some heart issues/ You might need to have the right motives = glory of God and good of other person
    - ii) Allowing time for Holy Spirit with the offender

### **B) A Time to Speak: Speaking Truth in Love**

*Loving People Enough ... take action*

- 1) Truth and Motivation - Ephesians 4:14-15
  - a) careful of motivation
  - b) careful of authority (don’t lord position over others) 2 Cor 1:23-24; Mt 20:25-26
- 2) Love and Demonstration  
*Loving People Enough ... emotionally vulnerable*
  - a) Love is often costly - Rom 5:6
  - b) Love considers others and their circumstances
  - c) Love is willing to initiate - Eph 5:2