

**When those You Love Fail  
(The Struggle of Personal Conflict)**

There is a type of struggle that too often we know intimately: arguments. The hardest of those arguments happen when those we love are walking down a path that will hurt them. The passage today is NOT giving us steps to follow. (It is not the action.) Our passage is revealing the spirit and the motive that must be behind the action if Christ-honoring healing is going to occur.

Scripture(s): 2Corinthians 1:23-2:4

I. The first way that faithful hearts respond when a loved one is rebelling against God is a desire to \_\_\_\_\_. When people fall, we have to decide if we want to win the \_\_\_\_\_ or save a \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 18:15 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother." - Notice the heart of such confrontations!

✓ Check your \_\_\_\_\_ when you think that someone needs spiritual help.

II. The second way that faithful hearts respond when a loved one is rebelling against God is a \_\_\_\_\_ in our heart. It is a good test of our motives if we are happy when \_\_\_\_\_ happens instead of justice.

James 2:12-13 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Matthew 9:12-13 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 12:2 & 7 2 But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."... 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

✓ Exercise justice with such a heart that longs for an \_\_\_\_\_ to show mercy.

III. The third way that faithful hearts respond when a loved one is rebelling against God is we are motivated to stand \_\_\_\_\_ the person who is sinning. We stand for the person who is sinning because of our great \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

Romans 9:2-3 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

2 Corinthians 7:8-9 8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

✓ Stand with the person who struggling with sin for their \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember this - When dealing with spiritual conflict with other people, we must be truly striving to \_\_\_\_\_ our brother or sister.

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"Great Redeemer, We  
Adore Thee"

"Are You Washed in the  
Blood"

"Jesus is the Sweetest  
Name I Know"

\* Pastoral Prayer &  
Children's Sermon \*

"Something Beautiful"