



TITLE | The Bigger Conspiracy
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 2:5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. **6** For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, **7** so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. **8** So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. **9** For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. **10** Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, **11** so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

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2 Corinthians 2:7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11. The person who caused pain is likely the leading antagonist who hurtfully opposed Paul in the Corinthian church. Identify from this text all the specific ways Paul shows grace toward this person.

Tuesday:

Reread 2 Corinthians 2:11. How can believers be outwitted by Satan? What are his designs of which we should not be ignorant? (Consider 2 Corinthians 11:14 and 1 Peter 5:8 in your answer.)

Wednesday:

Considering 2 Corinthians 2:5-11, how had the antagonist been outwitted or devoured by Satan in opposing Paul? In 2 Corinthians 2:7, how could the repentant antagonist being overwhelmed by excessive sorrow present yet another opportunity to be outwitted by Satan?

Thursday:

Read the words of Jesus in Luke 17:3. How did Paul follow this pattern in 2 Corinthians 2:5-11?

Friday:

What is it about grace that makes it so hard to practice? What is it about grace that makes the church irresistible when its people are full of grace?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to be the embodiment of your grace in this time when there seems to be so little of it. Fill me with your grace that I may foil Satan and fuel your church in bringing life to the world. Amen.