



**TITLE | What Is That Smell?**  
**SERIES | Beyond Our Strength**  
**TEXT | 2 Corinthians 2:12-17**  
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# SERMON NOTES

**2 Corinthians 2:12** When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, **13** my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia. **14** But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. **15** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, **16** to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? **17** For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ. *ESV*

## **BIG IDEA:**

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

**2 Corinthians 2:15** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, *ESV*

## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

**Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17. In what ways are believers "the aroma of Christ?" What does this tell us about our identity as Christians?**

### **Tuesday:**

**Read Ephesians 5:2. In what way was Christ a "fragrant offering and sacrifice to God?" Was God the Father pleased with the sacrifice of Jesus the Son? Why? If believers are "in Christ" what does that suggest about how pleased God is with who we are as "the aroma of Christ to God?" (2 Corinthians 2:15)**

### **Wednesday:**

**Reread 2 Corinthians 2:15. How are believers "the aroma of Christ . . . among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing"? Why is this important?**

### **Thursday:**

**Read the following Scriptures and identify some characteristics of a faithful fragrance: 2 Corinthians 2:17; Romans 12:1; Philippians 4:18; Hebrews 13:15-16; John 12:3.**

### **Friday:**

**How does knowing that we are "the aroma of Christ" help us deal with affliction?**

### **Daily Prayer:**

**Lord, thank you that, because I am the aroma of Christ to you, I can be assured that you take pleasure in who I am. Now, Lord, spread the aroma of Christ through me to others. Help me to embrace the affliction you allow as a way to enhance my fragrance. Amen.**