



TITLE | Close Relationships
SERIES | Beyond Our Strength
TEXT | 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1
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SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 6:11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. **12** You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. **13** In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also. **14** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? **15** What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, **18** and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." **7:1** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. *ESV*

BIG IDEA:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1. According to this text, in what ways are we to clean up our close relationships as believers in Jesus? Why is this important?

Tuesday:

In his ministry on earth, how did Jesus model what Paul commands in 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1? To what unChristlike extremes can the idea of cleaning up our close relationships be taken?

Wednesday:

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. How does this relate to 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1?

Thursday:

According to 1 Kings 4:29-34, how wise and understanding was Solomon? According to 1 Kings 11:1-8, what effect did being unequally yoked in marriage have on Solomon? If Solomon could be so affected, what does this suggest for others?

Friday:

In what specific ways can you clean up your close relationships?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I am honored and grateful to be the temple in which you dwell. Help me to have close relationships that are pleasing to you and healthy for me. Amen.