

Sermon Notes -
April 28, 2024
Summer Series:
“Restorative Discipline”

Week 1: In the his greeting, Paul is **joyful** at the **restoration** that has come to the Corinthians since his last visit.

Week 2-3: Paul shows an **example** of how to both **confront** painful situations, finding **peace** in it, and to do so in the **least harshest** way possible.

Week 4:

Scripture Focus: 2nd **Corinthians** 2:5-11

The person that Paul is talking about being **restored** is the person who **attacked** him **publicly** in the Corinthian **congregation**.

Paul wants the Corinthians to understand that the **pain** that was caused, **hurt** their **relationship** with Paul, more so than it hurt **Paul**.

Though **pain** has occurred through this person, Paul’s **goal** has always been **restoration**; both of the Corinthians and this person.

Jesus directs us to this type of **restorative** work, and Paul’s example shows us how **hard** that work can be.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 18:15-17

This **type** of **restorative** work only comes from a place where we first **acknowledge** our own **sin**.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 7:1-5

God is calling us to **restorative** work that **confronts** problems, in the **least** harshest way, and with the purpose of **healed** relationships.

Challenge:

Twofold:

First, is there anything that needs to be forgiven, or confessed that is keeping you from God’s restorative work?

Second, if you’re in a situation that needs restoration, are you taking Paul’s example of confrontation, with the least amount of harshness, for the purpose of healing?

Scripture Reference: **Psalms** 51:10