

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 11, 2019
2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

1. How did Paul begin the book of 2 Corinthians in last week's study?
 - a. By talking about his suffering.
 - b. By talking about God's comfort in our sufferings.
 - c. By talking about how God comforts us, in hopes that we can bring comfort to others.
 - d. By considering that God allows our sufferings so that we put our trust in Him rather than ourselves.

2. How does Paul say that they have conducted themselves throughout their ministry, according to verse 12?
 - a. With integrity.
 - b. With godly sincerity.
 - c. Relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

3. Why, according to verses 15-17, might they have doubted his integrity? Why did he have to remind them of his conduct? _____

4. According to these verses did Paul intend to visit them as he said he would?
Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

5. Have you ever failed to follow through on your word? Yes_____ No_____
Did you do this intentionally? _____

Are you able to point back at a pattern of integrity to show that this is an unusual situation that has a righteous justification, or is this just the pattern of your life? _____

6. Why does Paul say that he did not return to Corinth when he had originally planned (see 1:23-2:1)? _____

7. Paul says that he does not make plans in a worldly manner. What does he mean by that (see James 4:13-16)? _____
How do we make plans? _____

8. Why did he write a letter instead (see 2:3-4)? _____

9. What made it painful for him to visit them? _____

10. Do we make it painful for those who would try to minister to us? Yes_____ No_____
Explain. _____
How can we make it not painful for our mentors, pastors, etc. to minister to us? _____