

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: September 22, 2019**  
**2 Corinthians 6:3-13**

1. What is Paul saying in verse 3?
  - a. I don't know...he seems kind of defensive.
  - b. He is asserting how important it has been to him that he not cause anyone else to stumble.
  - c. There are many ways that we can stand in the way of others coming to Christ, including by putting unnecessary requirements on them...and by failing to teach them to respond to the amazing love and grace of God with reverence.
  
2. In what way do Paul and his companions commend (present as suitable for approval or acceptance) themselves and their ministry, according to verses 4-10?
  - a. By presenting their sufferings (verse 4-5). Who would choose this, if not for the guidance of God?
  - b. By their purity and other positive qualities and characteristics that can only come from the Spirit of God (verses 6-7).
  - c. By the presence of the power of God (verse 7).
  - d. By their life and behavior in varying circumstances...their consistency in positive response even when treated bad (verses 8-10).
  
3. What does Paul say in verse 11 about his interaction with the Corinthian church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Have you ever had to say difficult things to someone you loved, but done it anyway because you knew it was for their good? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does verse 12 say about the way the church has responded to Paul's open communication with them? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Have you ever had someone turn against you when everything you did was for their good? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What do you think Paul is feeling at this moment as he is trying to express his heart to a church that has previously been upset with him and yet held back instead of resolving the problem?  
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8. Is it ok to hold a grudge against someone (see Leviticus 19:18)? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain.  
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9. What is Paul's request of them in verse 13? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Do you ever hold things against others instead of forgiving? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If so, give an example. \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. Do you currently hold a grudge that you need to make right? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Will you make it right today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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