

**WEEK #2 (July 17 th) • As We Transform...
We Are Led In Triumphal Procession
2 Corinthians 2: 1-17**

1. In 2:4, Paul recounts how he wrote to the Corinthians "out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause [them] pain but to let [them] know the abundant love that [he had] for [them]." In what way does "abundant love" sometimes call us to do or say or write difficult things to those whom we love?
2. Take the time to reread 1 Corinthians 5. In view of 2 Corinthians 2, what do you think has happened since the writing of 1 Corinthians? If these two passages are speaking of the same man, what can we learn about Paul's strong call for discipline in 1 Corinthians 5?
3. In what way can my individual actions cause pain to my brothers and sisters (2:5)?
4. What can we learn about the nature of the withdrawal of fellowship from 2:7-8?
5. Practically speaking, what would it look like for these Corinthians to "reaffirm" their love for this one in need of forgiveness and comfort (2:8)?
6. What do you make of 2:9?
7. Why would Paul even bring Satan and his designs up in 2:11?
8. How are Christians being led "in triumphal procession" in Christ (2:14)?
9. What do you think Paul means by his references to "a fragrance from death to death" and "a fragrance from life to life" (2:15-16)?
10. What would it mean to be a "peddler of God's word" (2:17)? Do such peddlers exist today?