

Paul’s confrontation had given them the opportunity to dramatically demonstrate the _____ of their faith, and he praised them for doing so.

AFTER A CONFRONTATION

II Corinthians 7:2-16

Introduction:

Even worse than being confronted with our own _____ is the need to confront someone else about _____.

“And if your brother sins, go and _____ him...” (Matthew 15:15)

If we love someone, we must be willing to _____ them.

Not only must we follow Paul’s example of confronting one another, but we should also learn from him what to do _____ a confrontation.

V. REAFFIRM YOUR CONFIDENCE

II Corinthians 7:13b-16

Paul’s _____ in them had been proven valid by their response.

The need for confrontation hadn’t _____ his confidence in them.

They had faced a need for change in their lives and had _____, and that _____ Paul’s level of confidence in them and he made sure they knew it.

We all need that kind of _____ at one time or another.

In fact, it was probably just such confrontation that led us to the _____ in the first place.

I. REASSURE OF YOUR LOVE

II Corinthians 7:2-4

Paul began by pouring out his _____ for the Corinthians.

His reason for confronting them hadn't been to _____ them.

If our action is _____ by love, we must not hesitate to _____ someone of our love after it's all over.

In fact, make sure they _____ that you still love them.

II. SHARE YOUR SORROW

II Corinthians 7:5-7

Paul was so filled with _____ about their response to his severe letter that he was _____.

He didn't _____ having to confront the Corinthians.

The joy came when the confrontation had _____.

III. EXPLAIN THE GOAL OF YOUR ACTION

II Corinthians 7:8-10

The sorrow his letter caused brought them to the point of _____, and that was the whole _____ of the confrontation in the first place.

The intention of his confrontation wasn't that they suffer _____ of anything, but that they _____.

He didn't confront to bring sorrow, but to bring _____.

IV. PRAISE FOR DESIRED RESPONSE

II Corinthians 7:11-13a

Paul _____ the Corinthians for responding to his confrontation as he had hoped they would.

They had cleared their name by making _____ for what they had done.