2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13 Lesson 3: Paul Explains Why He Did Not Come Directly To Corinth LEARN from the Text

Introduction

1. Paul's 3 Boasts

- a. Paul boasts in his clear conscience.
- b. Paul boasts in his humility.
- c. Paul boasts in his love for the Corinthians.

2. Paul's 3 Exhortations

- a. Paul encourages.
- b. Paul warns.
- c. Paul reminds.

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- 1. Have you ever allowed the cultural/ trendy "qualifications" of what makes a great spiritual leader influence you? Do you need to re-think who you will allow to speak into your spiritual life based on the boasts of Paul in this passage?
- 2. Have you ever experienced a situation where you have seen a misunderstanding build between a congregation and their pastor? Without divulging names/dates/places, share how this situation could have been possibly avoided/solved more quickly according to today's passage.
- 3. If you are comfortable, please share a time when you were challenged to be "obedient in everything" in your church context. How did your obedience/the obedience of your congregation lead to church unity?
- 4. Spend some time praying for one another:
 - a. that we would be aware of Satan's schemes and not allow them to take root in our hearts and in our relationships, especially in the context of the church.
 - b. that we would always be aware of God's faithfulness in keeping His promises, particularly that it is He who makes us stand firm in Christ.