

2 CORINTHIANS: MISUNDERSTOOD

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There are times in our lives when we are mischaracterized or misunderstood. Paul loved the Corinthian church and served them. He spent eighteen months helping them to get grounded in Christ. He spent much energy writing them and even visiting them so that they would get right with God. His work was being undermined by leaders that entered the church. Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to defend his ministry and help the Corinthians church stay on solid footing. Being misunderstood or mischaracterized is difficult. Especially, when those who misunderstand or mischaracterize us are those whom we are trying to serve. How are we to live so that we can continue to direct those who misunderstand us toward a growing relationship with Christ?

1. We are to live in an _____ and _____ manner by God's grace so that we have nothing to _____.

2. We are to live in such a way that our _____ informs our _____ and how we _____ to others.

3. We are to live in such a way that our joy and pain are _____ with the joy and pain of _____.