

FOR YOUR JOY

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4 // September 27, 2026 AM

The great goal of gospel ministry is Godward gladness.

I. “I’m seeking *your* joy” (1:23-2:1).

II. “I’m seeking *my* joy” (2:2-4).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is joy, and how is it related to strong relationships with both God and other humans?
2. Why did Paul delay his visit to Corinth? What was he seeking to spare them from?
3. In v. 24, what does Paul say he is working with the Corinthians for? How does this help us to understand the purpose of pastors and elders?
4. Did Paul enjoy disciplining and rebuking the church? Why not?
5. What did Paul do instead of journeying immediately to Corinth? Why?
6. How does Paul’s delay actually evidence the love of Christ rather than a vacillating and untrustworthy character?
7. Can you explain how joy is the great goal of the gospel?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What role do strong relationships play in my pursuit of genuine joy? Why is this?
2. How can I be tempted to view God as a kill-joy? Where do I seek counterfeit joy? How does faith in the gospel liberate me from these things?
3. What principles can I learn from Paul here for dealing with conflict in the church?