

SERMON CHALLENGE

Love Sometimes Says No

2 Corinthians 1:15-24

Name: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. **Why did Paul originally plan to come to Corinth?**
 - A. A. He wanted to avoid Macedonia
 - B. B. He believed his visit would benefit them
 - C. C. He wanted to prove he had authority over them
 - D. D. He had no other place to go
2. **What important distinction does the sermon draw from 2 Corinthians 1:18-22?**
 - A. A. Human plans never need to change
 - B. B. Christians should never make plans
 - C. C. Human plans may change, but God's truth never does
 - D. D. God's promises depend on people's behavior
3. **Why did Paul delay his visit to Corinth?**
 - A. A. He no longer cared about the Corinthians
 - B. B. He was afraid to speak to them
 - C. C. He wanted to spare them
 - D. D. He had forgotten his promise
4. **According to the sermon, what do the words "as yet" show about Paul's decision?**
 - A. A. His no was necessarily permanent
 - B. B. He intended never to visit Corinth again
 - C. C. His answer was more like "not yet" than "never"
 - D. D. He had completely abandoned his original plan
5. **What did Paul say his role was instead of having dominion over the Corinthians' faith?**
 - A. A. Judge of their faith
 - B. B. Helper of their joy
 - C. C. Owner of their decisions
 - D. D. Ruler over their lives

TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for true or F for false.

- _____ 1. Changing a plan automatically means the original intention was dishonest.
- _____ 2. Paul cared about whether people could trust what he said.
- _____ 3. The sermon teaches that we should judge God's faithfulness by whether Christians always meet our expectations.
- _____ 4. Love may sometimes disappoint someone in the moment because correction, waiting, or a change in timing may be needed.
- _____ 5. Saying "I am doing this for your own good" automatically makes every decision right.

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer each question in your own words.

- 1. What question should we ask when deciding whether love should say yes or no?**
- 2. What should we remember when another person disappoints us or changes a sincere plan?**
- 3. What motives should we examine when we are saying no to someone?**
- 4. How did Paul show that loving concern is different from controlling someone?**

MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 1:24

Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.