For Your Strengthening

2 Corinthians 12:11-13:14

Key Verse: 12:19

1. Read verses 11-13. What was Paul's motive in defending himself to the Corinthians? How did he defend himself? Read v. 14-18. How often is the phrase "a burden to you" repeated? (12:13,14,16) How did he express his father's heart for them? (12:15)

2. Read v. 19. How did Paul clarify why he was defending himself to them? How would his defending himself strengthen them? Read v. 20-21. As he planned to visit them this third time, what were Paul's concerns? How did Paul express his holy love for them here?

3. Read 13:1-4. What did Paul plan to do when he arrived in Corinth, and on what basis? (13:1-2) How did he plan to deal with the stubbornly unrepentant? (13:3) In helping the Corinthians, how did Paul imitate Jesus who died and rose again? (13:4)

4. Read v. 5-6. How did Paul warn them to get ready spiritually for his arrival? Read v. 7-10. What was his prayer and hope for them? Why did Paul write such a strong letter, and how did he plan to use his God-given authority?

5. Read v. 11-14. What were his final instructions and greetings? (13:11-13) How did he bless them? (13:14)