

## SERMON CHALLENGE

### Love Sometimes Says No

2 Corinthians 1:15-24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE

*Circle the best answer.*

1. **Why did Paul say he had not yet come to Corinth?**
  - A. A. He had forgotten about the church
  - B. B. He wanted to spare them
  - C. C. He was afraid to preach there
  - D. D. He no longer cared about them
2. **What concern did Paul's changed travel plan raise?**
  - A. A. Whether Paul knew where Corinth was
  - B. B. Whether Paul's word could be trusted
  - C. C. Whether Paul had stopped preaching
  - D. D. Whether Paul wanted to move to Macedonia
3. **What does the sermon teach about human plans and God's truth?**
  - A. A. Both should change whenever circumstances change
  - B. B. Human plans never change if they are sincere
  - C. C. Human plans may change, but God's truth does not change
  - D. D. God's truth changes when people need a different answer
4. **What did the immediate context show about Paul's difficult dealings with the Corinthians?**
  - A. A. They were motivated by his love for them
  - B. B. They were meant to end his relationship with them
  - C. C. They proved he wanted to avoid every hard subject
  - D. D. They showed that sorrow is always wrong
5. **According to verse 24, how did Paul describe his ministry toward the Corinthians?**
  - A. A. Having dominion over their faith
  - B. B. Controlling every decision they made
  - C. C. Being helpers of their joy
  - D. D. Removing their responsibility to stand by faith

#### TRUE OR FALSE

*Write T for true or F for false.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Paul's original plan to visit Corinth was sincere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The sermon teaches that changing a plan means your original promise or intention was dishonest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Love gives us permission to change what God has said if it will make someone feel better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Paul's decision not to come at that time meant he was avoiding every kind of correction.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Loving concern may lead someone to say no, but it does not give that person the right to control another person's faith.

## **SERMON CHALLENGE — CONTINUED**

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#### **SHORT ANSWER**

*Answer each question in your own words.*

- 1. What two questions should love consider according to the introduction?**
- 2. Why is a sincere plan different from an unconditional vow?**
- 3. What does Paul's statement "as yet" teach about his decision not to come to Corinth?**
- 4. What three questions does the sermon encourage us to ask about the kind of "no" we give?**

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

##### **2 Corinthians 1:23**

Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.