

GRACE

POURED OUT

2 Corinthians 1:12 – 2:4

HANDLING MISUNDERSTANDING



Is Your
Conscience Clean?

2 Corinthians 1:12-14



Christian Conduct

- Keep a testimony of a clean conscience, 12



What Is Conscience?

- It is NOT the Holy Spirit
- It's like a tool, or a teacher, or a tether
- It can be seared, or dulled, no longer sensitive
- It can be over-sensitive

- It must be educated by Scripture, enabled by the Holy Spirit, and maintained with all diligence



Christian Conduct

- Keep a testimony of a clean conscience, 12
- Be simple, honest, not hiding
- Be sincere, pure, above criticism
- Avoid earthly wisdom
- Allow the grace of God to guide you
- Have confidence that God is at work in their life too, 13-14



Are You
In Line With
Christ's Character?

2 Corinthians 1:15-22



More Light, Less Heat

- Explain yourself, 15-16
- Are all your actions grace driven? (2 Cor 8:1, 4, 6-7; 9:6-15)
- Are you using worldly wisdom? 17
- You are a reflection of Christ. What is He like?
 - God is faithful, 18
 - Jesus is the YES of God's promises, 19-20
 - God establishes you as His Holy Spirit anoints, seals, indwells, guarantees, 21-22



Do You Desire
The Good
Of the Other?

2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:4

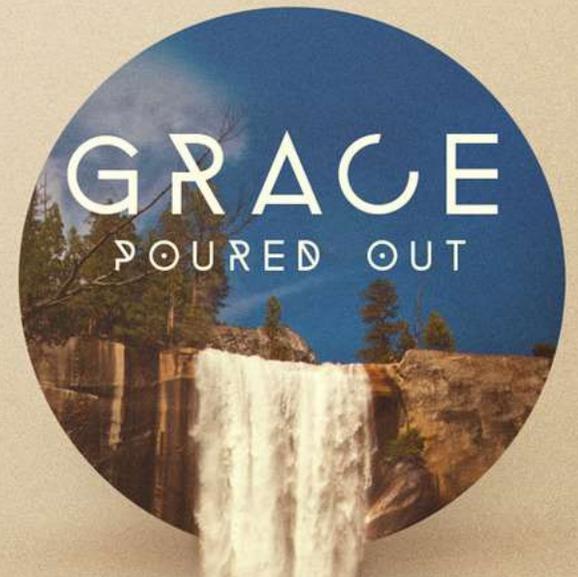


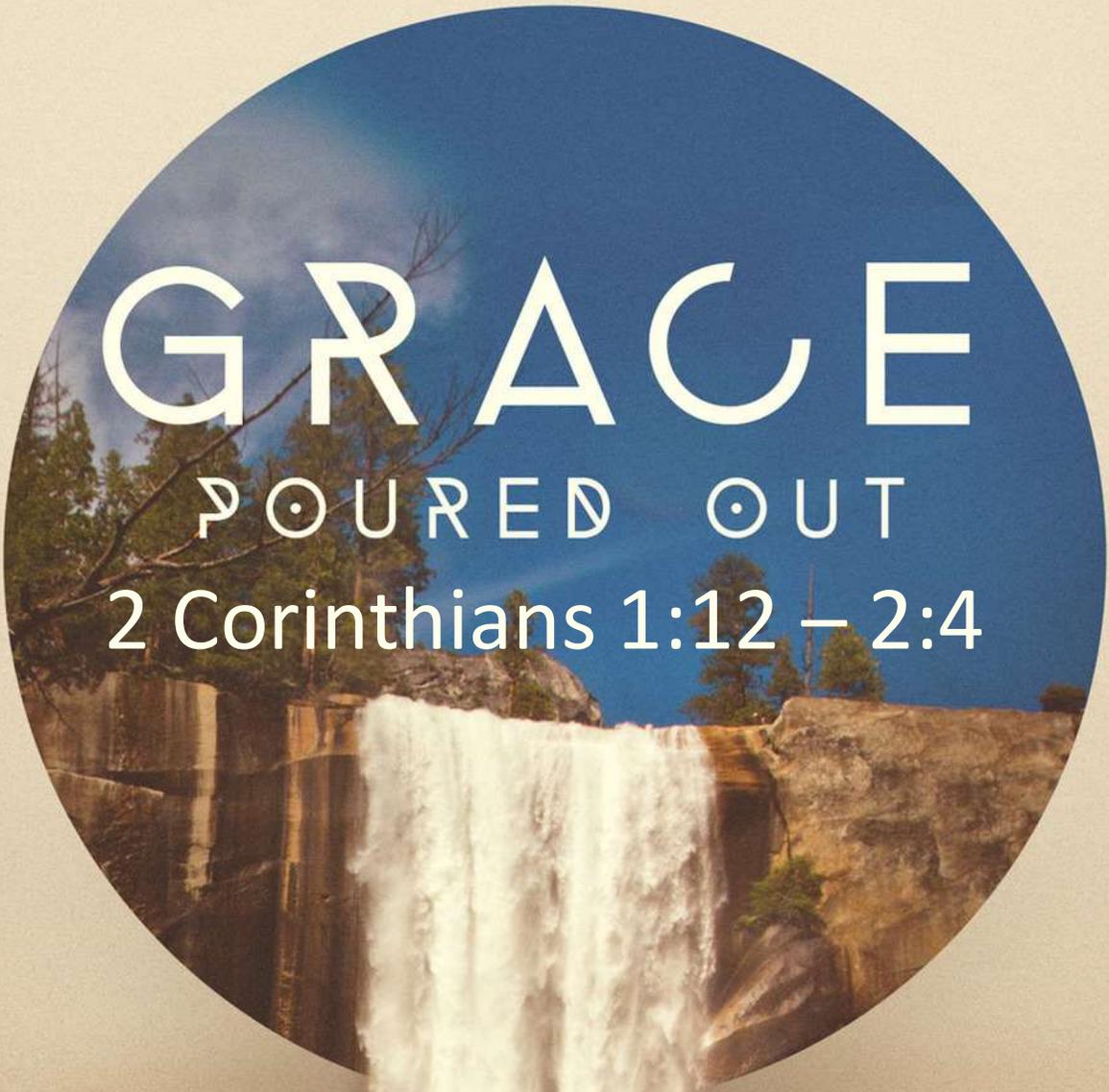
Kind Confrontation

- Remember, God sees it all, 23
- Spare the other person from unnecessary pain
- Don't domineer, 24
- Work with them for their joy and faith
- Understand body life, mutuality, 2:1-2
- Check your motives, why and how are you confronting? 3
- Let them know your love, even if it costs you, 4

Handling Misunderstanding

- Where do you struggle to keep a clear conscience?
- How does the character of Christ inform your thoughts and actions?
- How might you spare someone unnecessary pain while still confronting their sin?
- To whom can you demonstrate Christian love so that they grow in faith and joy through grace?





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