

Faithfulness
II Corinthians 1:12-2:3

Review:

1. When others disappoint us, we must keep the whole of their life story in mind.
2. When others disappoint us, we should consider their intentions.
3. We must always make plans according to God's will, and be willing to change them as He directs.
4. It is God's faithfulness that is most important – remembering His promises to us will keep other disappointments in their proper perspective
5. The Holy Spirit, which Jesus gives to all Christians, brings peace between us and God, and between us and others. We must keep the unity of the Spirit in mind when other Christians disappoint us.

Go Further: Read James 4:11-17

1. In verse 11, what does James equate with speaking against our brothers and sisters?
2. Why does James say we should not sit in judgment on our brothers and sisters?
3. In verse 12, Who does James remind us is the only judge?
4. In verse 13, is James saying there is anything wrong with doing business and making a profit? What is the problem with the statement made in this verse?
5. Why does verse 14 say we should be humble whenever we make plans?
6. What example does verse 15 give us of the sort of plans we should make?
7. In verse 16, James says that planning without taking God's will into account is arrogance. Why do you think he makes this connection?
8. We usually think of sin as things we do wrong. How does verse 17 expand the definition of sin?

Reflect and Apply:

1. What is the connection between being disappointed with others and our sitting in judgment on them?
2. Why do you think James equates sitting in judgment on our Christian brothers and sisters with sitting in judgment on the Law of God?
3. What changes do we need to make in our lives concerning how we speak about others and how we speak about God?