II Corinthians 7:2-16 Provoked to Repentance

"You were made sorrowful to the point of repentance."

7:2-16 **READ**

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vss 2-3
     loving rebuke
           vs 2 "we wronged no one"
           I hurt you in a good way
           vs 3 and you were not offended
vss 4-7
     encouraging response
           vs 4 "encouraged, joyful"
           word of your repentance encouraged me
           vs 5 opposition in Macedonia
           vs 6 NLT "God encourages those who are discouraged"
           vss 6-7 Titus' report of your reception of him
                also vs 13b
vss 8-10
     true repentance
          vss 9, 12, 15 Paul expected the church to repent
                vs 9 "to the point of repentance"
                vs 12 "earnestness at our urging"
                vs 15 "obedience of you all"
           your sorrow was a godly sorrow
                "death" = nothing good, only bitterness
                Spurg: godly sorrow = bitter & sweet; ungodly sorrow = only bitter
                brokenness trumps resolutions, feelings, promises Ps 51:16-17
          vss 8-9 I am glad I sent the letter
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raith proven

vs 11 what a great response!

Ps 51:13-15

vs 11 you've proven yourselves innocent

Grk = "pure"

I Cor 5:2,6 at the end, not at the beginning
i.e. regenerated people

"vindication, longing, zeal" Ps 51

vs 12 "for the sake of..."

I addressed YOU in my letter, not those in the situation
I was after YOU!

vs 12 I wrote to you in hope that that your repentance would happen
and I so wanted you to come to that point!

vs 13a what an encouragement that you did!
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vss 13b-16

brethren in unity

three parties

vs 13b and even more encouraged by Titus' report

vs 14 your acceptance of Titus sealed the deal!

vs 15 he reported your willingness, your respect for his mission

vs 16 "I am rejoicing in this!"

vs 4 "filled to overflowing"