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2 Corinthians 1

Paul's Intentions

¹² We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have lived with a God-given holiness and sincerity in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you.

13 Our letters have been straightforward, and there is nothing written between the lines and nothing you can't understand. I hope someday you will fully understand us,

14 even if you don't understand us now. Then on the day when the Lord Jesus returns, you will be proud of us in the same way we are proud of you.

*¹⁵ Since I was so sure of your understanding
and trust, I wanted to give you a double
blessing by visiting you twice—¹⁶ first on my
way to Macedonia and again when I returned
from Macedonia. Then you could send me on
my way to Judea.*

17 You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say “Yes” when they really mean “No”? 18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you does not waver between “Yes” and “No.”

Our "yes" is "yes."

Our "no" is "no."

Proverbs 16:9

*We can make our plans,
but the LORD determines our steps.*

Paul's Defense

***18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you
does not waver between “Yes” and “No.”***

19 For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” he always does what he says.

*20 For all of God's promises have been fulfilled
in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And
through Christ, our "Amen" (which means
"Yes") ascends to God for his glory.*

Paul's Liberation

21 It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us,

*22 and he has identified us as his own by placing
the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first
installment that guarantees everything he has
promised (will give) us.*

The Holy Spirit is God's Guarantee.

Paul's Explanation

*23 Now I call upon God as my witness that I am
telling the truth. The reason I didn't return to
Corinth was to spare you from a severe
rebuke.*

*24 But that does not mean we want to dominate
(lord over) you by telling you how to put your
faith into practice. We want to work together
with you so you will be full of joy, as you
stand firm in your faith.*

We will be intentional.

We will be intentional.

We will encourage.

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We will be Pentecostal.

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We will lead.

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Ephesians 3:20

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his
mighty power at work within us, to
accomplish infinitely more than we might ask
or think.*

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