



The Apostolic Model for Ministry

May 3, 2015

2 Corinthians 12:13 For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong! [14] Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. [15] I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? [16] But granting that I myself did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, and got the better of you by deceit. [17] Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? [18] I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps? [19] Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding, beloved. [20] For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. [21] I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Pastor Tony Felich

Application Questions

1) Who are you building up and how are you doing it?

2) How should you handle hurt and disappointment when caring for others?

3) When is it difficult to be honest and transparent, and how can you overcome?

Sermon Outline

Serving Christ is a calling that seeks the spiritual welfare of others, gladly spending and being spent.

Called to by God to minister (11-12)

Called to be spent (13-15)

Called to be honest and transparent (16-18)

Called to edify others (19)

Called to care (20-21)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

» **Vacation Bible School 2015:** The Scottish Sleuths and the Case of the Baffling Beginnings. VBS will be June 8-12 from 9:00 AM-noon. Online registration is available for volunteers and participants at redeemer-pca.org/vbs.

» **Summer Youth Camps:** Registration for camp is open. RiverRanch (July 6-10) is for students who just completed 8th-12th grade (early registration discount deadline May 25th). Register at redeemer-pca.org/riverranch. Clearwater (July 27-30) is for students who just completed 5th-7th grade (early registration discount deadline is June 1st). Register at redeemer-pca.org/clearwater. Contact Jake or Pastor Tony for more information.