

[RE]CONSTRUCTING

Dealing with Hurt & Hypocrisy

Genesis 50:20 & Romans 2:1-4, 17-24

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Questions based on the sermon from February 16, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. What is something memorable from Superbowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, or another event in your life?
2. What is standing out to you from the last few weeks of this [re]Constructing series?

Digging Deeper

3. Pastor Phil described how some have deconstructed their faith because of hurts they've suffered or hypocrisy they've seen. What stands out to you from the examples he gave or from other examples you've experienced?
4. Not only does hypocrisy threaten to lead us astray, but – according to Romans 2:22-24 – what impact does hypocrisy have on others? When have you seen this in action?
5. While it's a human tendency to point a finger when suffering hurt or seeing hypocrisy, we are to leave judgment to God. As you read Romans 2:1-4, circle every occurrence of "judge" or "judgment" and then answer the following questions:
 - How does verse 1 reflect Jesus' words in Matthew 7:1-2?
 - What do verses 2-3 teach us about God's judgment for those who judge others but do the same thing?
 - We can misread the delay in God's judgment as him being passive or uncaring, but what does verse 4 reveal about God's character and how he is working in these times?

6. Look back at your sermon notes for Our Response to hurt. First, what must we do if we have been connected to injustices or abuse?
7. On the other hand, we may have been on the receiving end of hurt caused by Christians or the church. How do these verses guide our response? And why should we respond this way?
 - Matthew 7:1-2
 - Matthew 18:21-22
 - Ephesians 4:32
8. In the midst of all this hurt and hypocrisy, what does God reveal about himself in the following verses?
 - Genesis 50:20
 - Matthew 5:7
 - Luke 23:34

Making it Personal:

9. What is your biggest takeaway from the topic this week?
10. What did you find most helpful in this week's response to the accusation that Christianity can't be true because of all the hurt it's caused and hypocrisy it reflects?
11. Where do you feel the Lord working on your heart in the verses we have covered today?

Prayer:

Read out loud the prayer of the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 1:3-7 and make it a prayer for each other. Consider reading it out loud as a group.

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