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Message Series  
"Power in Weakness"

## "Wide Open Hearts"

### 2 Corinthians 6

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup> We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup> by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup> We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup> You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup> In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also. <sup>14</sup> Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

#### Reminders about the background and context (again)

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## The Trials & Truth of the Ministry of Reconciliation (Six key phrases that help us understand Paul's heart)

1. "Working together with him...." (v. 1)  
  
▶ The point:
2. "...we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God is vain." (v. 1)  
  
▶ The point:
3. "... now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (v. 2)  
  
▶ The point:
4. "...but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance..." (v. 4)  
  
▶ The point:
5. "...our heart is wide open...widen your hearts also." (vs. 11, 13)  
  
▶ The point:
6. "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers....Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them...." (vs. 14, 17)  
  
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