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“Ending Without Regret”
A New Marriage – Part 8
2 Corinthians 7:10
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Regret is not the result of mistakes.

It is the result of not trying.

“The meaning of life is that it stops.” (Dr. Timothy Johnson)

Psalms 90:12

“Teach us to number our days ...”

Ecclesiastes 7:2

“Death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart.”

“All the tragedies that we can imagine can be reduced to just one:

the passage of time.” (Simone Weil)

Matthew 27:3

Judas was seized with remorse (regret) that he *“betrayed innocent blood.”* He put personal gain above principle and love.

2 Corinthians 7:10, pg 819

“Godly sorrow brings repentance” – honesty about guilt
– changed behavior.

“Worldly sorrow brings” depression, despair, and death.

To finish well:

1. Don't run from the past. Face it. Confess it. Claim the forgiveness that comes from the blood of Christ (1 John 1:9).
2. Ask forgiveness of those we have wronged and grant it to those who have wronged us.
3. Listen, notice, laugh, love, give, stay loyal to the end.

Study Questions for Next Week
A New Marriage – Part 9

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35. Based on **this passage**, what is a definition of forgiveness? How many principles can you see in this passage? Compare Matthew 6:9-15. Is this what you normally think about when you hear this prayer?
2. See also Ephesians 1:7; 4:32. Why is granting forgiveness so difficult?