

# Cap. Joel Barnes

- \* born in Portland, Maine on Nov. 17, 1986
- \* Died while protecting a fellow firefighter on Friday March 1, 2019 – age 32
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- \* he was a training officer and emergency medical services coordinator

# Love is expressed in sacrifice

- \* <sup>12</sup> "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." – Jesus, John 15.13*
- \* Joel gave his life to save another's*
- \* Jesus gave his life to save ours!*


# 2 Corinthians 7: Progress!

1. **Therefore, let us . .**
2. **Godly sorrow?**
3. ***By all this we are encouraged***


# 2 Corinthians 7, NIV

- \* Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.**


**\* <sup>2</sup> Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one. <sup>3</sup> I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you.**



**\* <sup>4</sup> I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.**




**\* 5 For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within.**




**\* <sup>6</sup> But God, who comforts the  
downcast, comforted us by the coming  
of Titus, <sup>7</sup> and not only by his coming  
but also by the comfort you had given  
him.**







**\* He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.**




**\* <sup>8</sup> Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—**



**\* <sup>9</sup> yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.**




**\* <sup>10</sup> Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. <sup>11</sup> See what this godly sorrow has produced in you:**




**\* what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.**

**\* <sup>12</sup> So even though I wrote to you, it was neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. <sup>13</sup> By all this we are encouraged.**




**\* In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. <sup>14</sup> I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me.**



**\* But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well.**





**\* <sup>15</sup> And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling. <sup>16</sup> I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.**

# A little review . .

- \* Ch. 1: God of all comfort
- \* Ch.2: Forgiveness & restoration
- \* Ch. 3: the Spirit gives life
- \* Ch.4: we preach . . Christ as Lord
- \* Ch.5: we live by faith, not by sight
- \* Ch.6: now is the day of salvation

# 1. Therefore, let us . .

- \* Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.
- \* **let us purify ourselves**
- \* **What contaminates “body and spirit?”**
- \* **Sin!**
- \* **What actually is ‘sin?’**

\* Greek biblical word for sin, "amartia", means literally "**to miss the mark**", like an archer.

\* "**Sin is nothing else than to neglect eternal things, and seek after temporal things**"

\* St. Augustine – AD350-430

\* <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=Sin>

## 2. Godly sorrow?

- \* <sup>10</sup> Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret
- \* How can you tell if someone is sorry?
- \* If it leads to repentance:
- \* *a change of mind that results in a change of action*

\* <https://www.gotquestions.org/repentance.html>

## 3. *By all this we are encouraged*

- \* In addition to our own encouragement . . . because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you
- \* **Everyone needs encouragement!**
- \* **How do we encourage another?**
- \* **One way: 'refresh' them!**

# That's refreshing!

- \* bracing
- \* exhilarating
- \* fresh
- \* invigorating
- \* stimulating
- \* cooling
- \* energizing
- \* restoring

# Make it count

- \* What makes a life ‘count?’
- \* Start simply: come to Jesus!
- \* Change direction!
- \* Encourage – refresh – others
- \* Joel Barnes instinctively knew and acted