

Pastors and People: What Satan Knows
2 Corinthians 2:1-7, 10-11

Jeremiah 23:4 "I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord."

Pastors are a pain!

Satan is involved (2:11)

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"we know what he knows"

1. Pastors and people need each other

1:14 "...you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus."

2. Pastors need to be strong

Not "yes and no" people (v. 1:19)

3. People need to stand and support.

2:6 "majority"

John 11:16 – "let us go and die with him"

4. It has to be done with JOY

2:2 "If I grieve you..."

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you."

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¹ So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. ² For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? ³ I wrote as I did so that when I came I should not be distressed by those who ought to make me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. ⁴ For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

⁵ If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. ⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

¹⁰ If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.