



Today's Message

Date: April 14, 2014
Speaker: Pastor Steven Thomas
Title: ***The Tie that Binds***

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:13b-16 (ESV)

And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. ¹⁴For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true. ¹⁵And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. ¹⁶I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

Today's take-home truth: Our obedience to God's word is not merely a personal matter; the strength of the church depends on it.

God uses our obedience to his word to . . .

- I. **to refresh the church's laborers, . . .**
- II. **strengthen the church's testimony, . . .**
- III. **deepen the church's love, . . .**
- IV. **and reinforce the church's confidence.**