

"For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be." (2 Cor.12:20)

Throughout the book of 2 Corinthians, Paul is frustrated. He saw his spiritual children making a mess of what they had been taught. There was so much sexual immorality and division in the church, Paul takes on an exasperated tone in a desperate effort to bring correction.

This scripture is the result of a man who is airing his frustrations for the world to see. He's being very open about his disappointments and dissatisfactions, which is surprising – and refreshing - because Paul is also a man who is very open about his great faith.

When someone who is faithful lets you see not only their faithfulness to God but also their frustration in their faithfulness to God, they demonstrate that faithfulness and frustration often go hand in hand, and frustration is not necessarily a sign that you're doing something wrong.

Faithfulness is not a feeling – it's a choice you can make – even in the midst of great frustration. Continue to ask God for His direction and wisdom. Keep doing what you know God has called you to do. And remember, even Paul was frustrated, but he remained faithful.

