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Today's Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

¹² Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

Questions:

1. Why was Paul in Troas? Is there any evidence God "opened a door" for Paul?
2. Should he have left Troas? Why or Why not?
3. What explains the contrast in "mood" between 2 Cor. 2:13 and 2 Cor. 2:14? (Note: 2 Cor. 7:5-7)
4. Was Paul's mood changed by circumstance or something else?
5. What did Paul mean that he was a captive (2 Cor. 2:14) and what was the consequence?
6. What does the "fragrance" or "aroma" in 2 Cor. 2:15, 16 refer to?
7. Are God's opportunities and God's Will the same?

Prayer:

1. Praise the Lord for the diligence, sacrifice, and efforts of the search team.
2. Pray God will send us the pastor we need.
3. Thank God for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms.
4. Pray for the wisdom and will to make right use of our freedoms.