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***in the midst of moral, societal and
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II Corinthians 1:3-11

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- 4 who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

Are we willing to be
straight forward with ***and faithful*** to
one another in a way that is
filled with love
and a commitment to seeking
Christ's best for each other?

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***parakaleo*: encourage**

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Satan's (Hebrew 'the adversary') "design":

- Deceive
- Divide
- Destroy

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

So...therefore...so what?

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