



Welcome to
Chalmers Church Edinburgh
Sunday 25th September
6:30pm service

The service will run for approximately an hour and a quarter. Jay Parsons is leading the service and Roger Day is preaching.

Welcome

Song Praise to the Lord the almighty

Prayer of confession

Notices

Song Psalm 23

Prayers for others

Graham Gibb

Song From the breaking of the dawn

God's Word read 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Shuiken Chan, see page 964 of the church Bibles

God's Word preached 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

See page 2

Responding to God's Word in prayer

Song The Lord is my salvation

Closing prayer

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Sermon Notes

He Means What He Says

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Intro: do travel plans really matter? If they affect relationships, yes!

Paul under attack:	<i>"His word can't be trusted"</i> <i>"He doesn't love you, he just lords it over people"</i> [Then and now!]
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Paul's defence: **As an authentic Christian minister ...**

1. **...By God's grace, I speak sincerely and straight:** (1:12-18)
I really meant what I said
2. **...By God as witness, I act out of love for you:** (1:23-2:4)
I changed plans for your good

How does this apply to us today?

- a) In our attitude to Paul...
- b) As a plumbline for authentic Christian ministry...
- c) As a reminder for us all not to assume the worst...

Why does this matter SO much?

3. **Because God ALWAYS means what he says!** (1:19-22)
 - In his Scriptural promises all fulfilled in Christ
 - In his Spirit-given commitment to our eternal salvation