

Morning Sermon, Sunday 3 June 2018, Julian Hardyman

*Series: Weakness is the way (2 Corinthians)*

# Affection and encouragement

## 2 Corinthians 7:13-16

### **The Gospel turns the worst things into the best**

1. This does not mean naïve utopianism
  - about Christians
  - or Christian relationships
2. It does mean well-grounded optimism
  - about ourselves and others
  - even at our (or their) worst
3. It mobilizes us to seek reconciliation
  - sensitively
  - patiently
  - receptively

.....hoping that all will be refreshed with joy.