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Message Info

Title:

Boast in the Lord

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Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 10:1–18

Theme: Seek the Lord's commendation and you will be spared from ignorant comparison.

Introduction: Envy is a prominent motivator—far more prominent than any of us care to admit. Envy is the outworking of the sin of pride. When we compare ourselves to others, we sin because we are seeking approval somewhere other than from God. Christians have an answer to the sins of pride, envy, and comparison, and God has given us the answer through his Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 10. When we have God's approval, we have everything.

Paul teaches three ways to seek the Lord's commendation in 2 Corinthians 10:

1. Boldly wage war (1–6)

- In Second Corinthians 10, Paul is talking to the faithful saints in Corinth *and* to those who are causing trouble and division.
- Paul's tone is gentle, but it is not only gentle—for instance, verse one contains massive sarcasm.
- Paul wages war on arguments and opinions raised against God, and in Christ he is victorious.

2. Measure by The Standard (7–12)

- The justifications for any anti-Christian stance comes down to a false standard.
- The comparisons of the false teachers have no merit because their standard is irrelevant.
- The Lord led Paul to his ministry in Corinth, which means the Corinthians are within his scope of ministry and under his authority.
- Jesus is The Standard, and when he is not our standard, that means we have chosen a different one.

3. Boast in the Lord (13–18)

- When talking of boasting in the Lord, the first thing Paul mentions is limits.
- The problem with boasting is it wants to creep out beyond what has been assigned to us.
- Paul limits his boasting to the churches that God had assigned to him.

Questions:

1. What are some strongholds (see vv. 4–5) that you see around you that God would have you wage war against?
2. How might your standard for comparison need adjusted to fall more in line with The Standard?
3. Evaluate how you boast in the Lord. Are you boasting beyond limits, or do you need to grow in boasting more for his grace in your life?