

## A PECULIAR BOAST

2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10

### PAUL ADAPTS TO HIS AUDIENCE

11:16-29

- Paul seems to take on the strategy of his \_\_\_\_\_ to show there is a better way to boast.
- Paul's strategy undermines the false teachers and shows what he has endured for the \_\_\_\_\_.

### PAUL BOASTS IN A COUNTERCULTURAL WAY

11:30-12:6

- Even in the midst of miraculous experiences, Paul insists on boasting in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul doesn't want people to think highly of him but highly of \_\_\_\_\_.

### PAUL POINTS TO JESUS IN HIS WEAKNESS

12:7-10

- Our weaknesses can make us more \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord or more \_\_\_\_\_ toward the Lord.
- Boasting in my weakness: protects me against \_\_\_\_\_, reminds me that I was created for \_\_\_\_\_, and enables me to point to Christ.

*Does the way you boast leave room for God to get the glory?*

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord, “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 11:29 (NLT)

Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger?

Philippians 3:4-7

though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Psalms 86:15

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Philippians 3:8-11

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

grace - the unmerited favor or divine assistance of God, which is seen as the source of salvation and spiritual renewal

boast – talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one’s achievements, possessions or abilities