

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Live on Promises
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April 23, 2017
Reading: Galatians 1:11-24

What did you like about this message?
What did you find hard to accept or understand?
What does this message teach you about people?
What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?
How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Paul says he is going to go on boasting, but then he never really gives details about his vision. It appears to be a glorious recollection, yet he does not divulge. To a certain degree, this reveals Paul's dedication to God's Word as the ultimate revelation and the only truth. How can we as Christians give the same kind of credit and reliance on God's Word? Or do we?

The Call to Missional Living

Paul hesitates to identify himself as the man of whom he speaks here. His hesitation appears to be caught up in the honor and humility of what God has done in his life. Paul says he will boast of "this man" (i.e., the man who Christ has transformed). In a world so wrought with self-praise, how can we better show our neighbor that Christ receives all of our boasting?

Pray

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1. Paul's precious memory (vss. 1-4)

- Boasting of visions
- Third Heaven/Paradise
- Sacred sayings

2. Paul's position in glory (vss. 5-6)

- Boast of who?

- Boast of what?

- Boasting how?

3. Paul lives on promises (vss. 7-10)

- Confessed weakness & received strength

- Refinement instead of replacement

- Promise instead of explanations