

II CORINTHIANS



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READ

Read 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Paul repeatedly appeals to his authority over the Corinthians in this letter. How does he have this authority, and why does he appeal to it in this passage?
- For the first time in this letter Paul directly references his opponents, addressing some of their many criticisms against him. What are the criticisms, and how does he defend his ministry in this text?
- The phrase “take every thought captive to obey Christ” (v.5) is common in Christian circles, but the surrounding context is less familiar. Within the context of verses 3-6, what argument is Paul making?
- The theme of boasting runs through verses 13-17. What is the main point in this section?
- How does the citation of Jeremiah 9:23-24 inform our understanding of the passage?
- How does Paul view the “comparison game” among various ministers/ministries? Why is self-commendation futile in Paul’s sight (v.18)?

APPLY

- How does this passage inform the way we respond when our reputations are unfairly attacked? What would a Christlike response look like?
- What are some ways we tend to compare ourselves with others in the Christian life? How, specifically, is the gospel our solution to these comparisons?
- How can this passage help people rightly evaluate a church they are considering joining in membership or an individual minister they are learning from? What does Paul teach us to prioritize and value most highly?
- Reflecting on Jeremiah 9:23-24, how can someone understand and know God, and how can they boast in this reality?

PRAY

- Take time to pray for the leadership of West Park (elders, deacons, staff, leaders, volunteers). Pray specifically for our leadership to understand and know God, for them to boast in that and nothing else, for their humility, and for their commitment to God-honoring and not self-serving ministry.

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