

The Hero Paradox

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God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 ESV

(Jesus) disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:15 NLT

The Hero Paradox is that We Are . . .

1. Flawed yet forgiven.

(God) is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Ephesians 1:7 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

2. Lowly yet leaders.

The greatest among you must be a servant .For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12 NLT

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

Matthew 6:28-29 NIV

3. Suffering yet satisfied.

I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:14 NLT

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20 NIV

Weekend Music:

Thank You Song (UPPERROOM) • Goodness of God (Bethel Music)
Let Everything (Praise the Lord) (Steven Feucht) • Here For You (Matt Redman)