

**“A Gospel-Centered Community”**  
**2 Corinthians 10:1-18**

**1) The Gospel is What We DEFEND**

(vv. 1-6)

- Paul meekness is like Christ’s meekness, therefore Paul’s judgment will be like Christ’s judgment (consider Paul’s past here)
- He doesn’t defend himself through human means, but by...
  - 1) Tearing down non-Gospel arguments
  - 2) Evaluating people based on Gospel standards
- What defense and offense of the Gospel do we need today?
- What strongholds need to be demolished?

**2) The Gospel is What Gives AUTHORITY**

(vv. 7-14)

- We are all under authority – this is a good thing (stop signs, etc)
- Authority in the world = power
- Authority in the Bible = responsibility
- Paul’s authority doesn’t come from his personality, or even his weakness, but from Christ’s call
- Paul carries out his authority in a manner consistent with the Gospel, So should all who lead God’s people
- *If you have the Gospel, you have the authority to proclaim it*

**3) The Gospel is What We BOAST In**

(vv. 15-18)

- Paul doesn’t boast in his unique call, He boasts in Jesus
- Paul’s chief defense is the Corinthians themselves
- Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Comparison between churches and Christians should only ever be about 1 thing:  
The proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel*