

1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

"On the Road of Correction"

1 Corinthians 4:1-21

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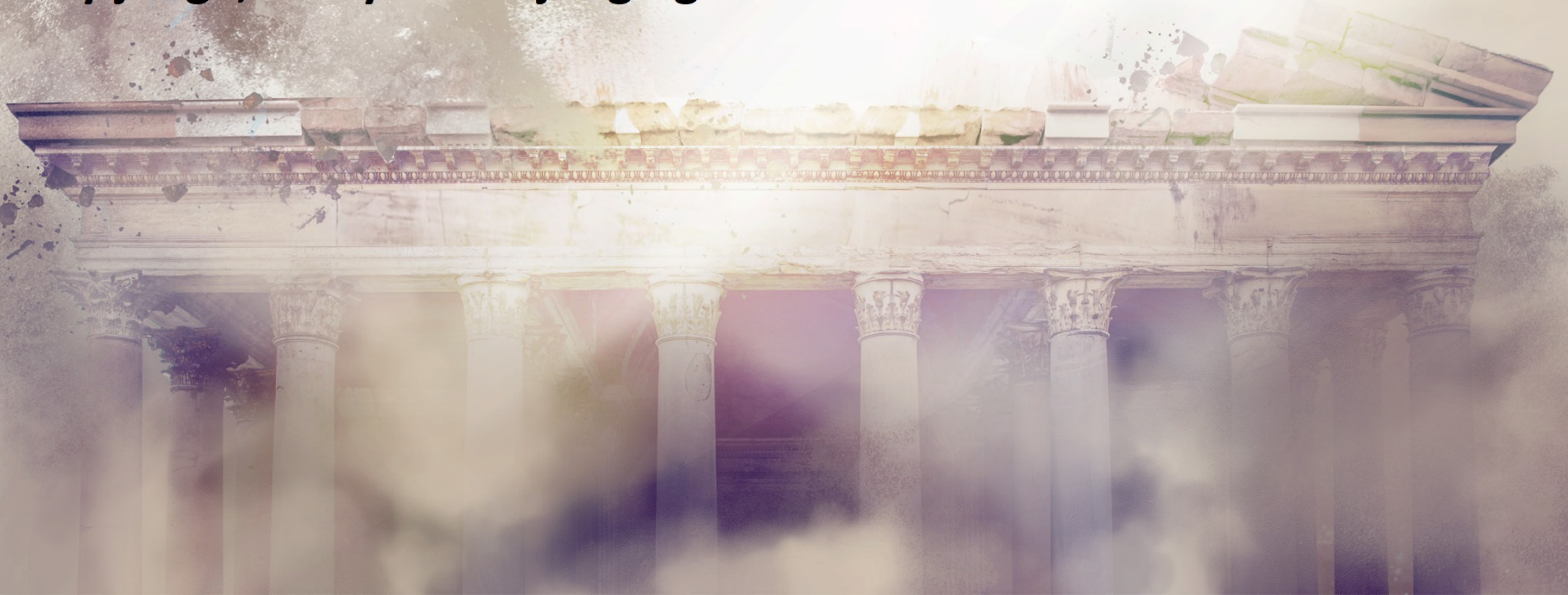
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**Servants of Christ pursue the approval of God,
not the applause of men.**



**It is as if Paul was saying,
“You Corinthians act like judges at athletic events, qualified to give
some the trophy and to send others away as losers. But Jesus is the
only judge, and you are judging before the events are over.”**



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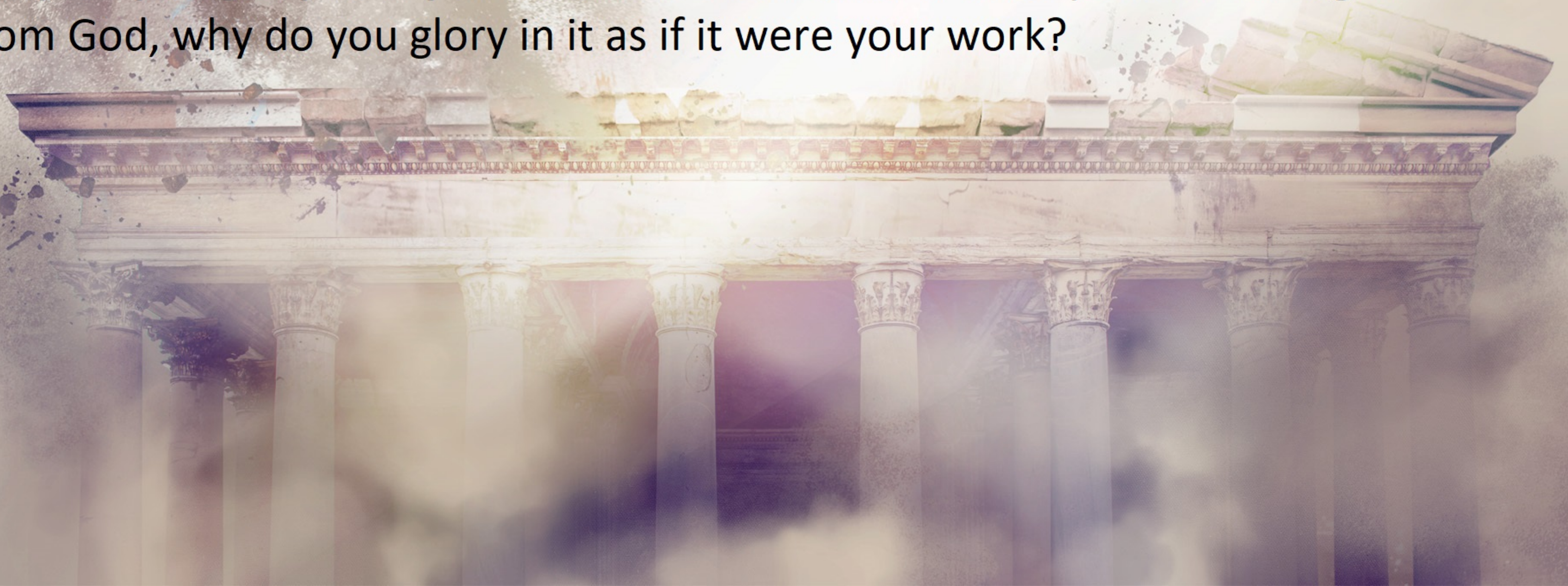
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The Corinthians had 2 problems:

- They were proud of their own spirituality
- They were embarrassed of Paul because of his “weakness”



- **Who makes you to differ from another?** If there is a difference between us, it's because of what God's done in us, no reason for pride.
- **And what do you have that you did not receive?** Everything we have has come from God, so there is no reason for pride.
- **Why do you glory as if you had not received it?** If what you have is a gift from God, why do you glory in it as if it were your work?



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3. Hear a Father's Heart: A warning to follow God's Word and the example of mature believers in Christ. (v.14-21)