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MAHALO FOR JOINING US AT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

ALOHA!

We'd love to meet you and serve you! Please visit the welcome table and fill out a Connect Card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Please sign-in children at the nursery.

Join Us This Week:

Prayer/Foundations Class
Wed 5:15p

Grace Group, Thu 6:30p

Women's BSF, Fri 10:30a

Pickleball, Sat 10:00 a

Coming Up:

Gracekona.org/events

Giving:

Giving box on
Sundays
Phone, Website or
Mail



NEED PRAYER?

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"WHEN GLORY SILENCES BOASTING"

Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:1-6

Manny Martinez, Elder

I. Paul's Reluctance to Boast (v. 1)

II. The Privilege of Revelation (vv. 2-4)

III. The Restraint of Humility (vv. 5-6)

Grace Group Discussion Questions
"When Glory Silences Boasting"
2 Corinthians 12:1-6

Read 2 Corinthians 12

Observation (What Does the Passage Say?)

1. What does Paul say about boasting in verse 1, and what does he turn to discuss?
2. What details does Paul give about the man in Christ and his experience in verses 2-4?
3. In verses 5-6, what will Paul boast about, and why does he refrain from saying more?
4. In verses 2-4, what details does Paul repeat, and what does that repetition emphasize about the limits of his knowledge?

Interpretation (What Does It Mean?)

1. Why does Paul describe himself as "a man in Christ" rather than naming himself directly?
2. What do "third heaven" and "paradise" indicate, and what does Paul admit he does not know?
3. Why does Paul want the Corinthians to judge him by what they see and hear rather than by his vision?
4. Why might Paul's refusal to describe what he heard in paradise be important for understanding the proper place of spiritual experiences?

Correlation (How Does it Relate to Other Passages?)

1. How does 1 Corinthians 4:7 expose the folly of boasting in what we have received?
2. How do 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 and 11:30 explain Paul's preference for boasting in weakness?
3. How do Jeremiah 9:23-24 and Philippians 3:7-8 redirect our boasting toward the Lord and Christ?
4. How does John 3:27-30 reinforce Paul's attitude that what we receive comes from God and that Christ must increase while we decrease?

Application (How Can I Apply It to My Life?)

1. What gift, knowledge, opportunity, or experience am I tempted to use to make much of myself?
2. When I tell a spiritual story, does it leave people thinking more about me or about Christ?
3. Where am I tempted to claim certainty about spiritual matters beyond what Scripture reveals?
4. How can I faithfully use what God has given me without allowing His gifts or opportunities to become a source of pride?

Response (What Should My Response Be?)

1. What has God entrusted to me that I need to recognize as received grace?
2. What true thing about myself might I need to say less about so that Christ receives more attention?
3. What can I do this week so that my words and service direct attention to Jesus Christ?
4. What specific area of my life needs to become less about being noticed and more about making Christ known?