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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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"WHAT IS WAITING TO ENSLAVE YOU?"

Reference: 2 Corinthians 11:16-21

Manny Martinez, Elder

I. Wrong Admiration Opens The Door (vv. 16–18)

II. What Wants to Enslave, Gains Access Through the Heart (v. 19)

III. What We Tolerate Can Eventually Enslave Us (v. 20)

IV. What The World Calls Weakness Is Christlike Strength (v. 21)

Grace Group Discussion Questions

“What Is Waiting To Enslave You”

2 Corinthians 11:16-21

Read 2 Corinthians 11

Observation (What Does the Passage Say?)

1. In vv 16–18, what does Paul say about boasting, and according to what standard were others boasting?
2. In v 19, how does Paul describe the Corinthians’ willingness to “bear with fools,” and what irony do you hear in his words?
3. According to verses 20–21, what five kinds of treatment were the Corinthians willing to tolerate, and how does Paul contrast his own supposed “weakness” with that behavior?

Interpretation (What Does It Mean?)

1. What does Paul mean by boasting “according to the flesh,” and how could using worldly standards distort the Corinthians’ ability to recognize genuine spiritual leadership?
2. Why does Paul’s sarcasm in verse 19 expose a problem deeper than simply encountering false teachers? What does it reveal about the Corinthians themselves?
3. How do verses 20–21 overturn the Corinthians’ understanding of strength? Why might refusing to dominate, exploit, or humiliate others actually demonstrate Christlike strength rather than weakness?

Correlation (How Does it Relate to Other Passages?)

1. How does Mark 10:42–45 contrast worldly and Christlike leadership?
2. How does Hebrews 5:11–14 connect spiritual dullness with discernment?
3. How do Acts 20:29–30, 2 Peter 2:1, and 2 Timothy 4:3–4 show that false teaching is dangerous not only because false teachers arise, but because people may desire and receive what they teach?

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

1. What qualities or influences tend to capture my admiration? Are they shaped more by Scripture or by what the world considers desirable?
2. Is there something I have become emotionally attached to that may be influencing how I interpret or respond to biblical truth?
3. Is there something I have gradually begun to tolerate that could eventually gain greater control over my thinking, affections, or behavior?

Response (What Should My Response Be?)

1. What has my admiration right now?
2. What thought, affection, influence, or opinion do I need to bring back under the authority of Christ?
3. What must I refuse to tolerate before it begins to master me?