

Summer of Love Series – Love Does Not Boast

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Scriptures

1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast...

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”

Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NLT

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things that counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.”



Experience Today's Message

Change Your Focus

If there is any phrase that will help us as we are about to boast about ourselves, or make something about us, simply rehearse in your mind, IT'S NOT ABOUT ME! This phrase reminds us that life is not all about us if we are going to love others, but we cannot be the focus all the time. So, when we can take moments throughout our days to reach out to someone else, to acknowledge someone else, to help someone else, we are less likely to boast about us, because our focus isn't just on us.

Change Your Worship

"When a man admires himself, he never adores God" Charles Spurgeon

And that's what worship is all about. It's about boasting about God, praising God for who he is, for what he has done, and for what he continues to do. We can do that through the songs that we sing, through the words that we pray, and ultimately through the lives that we live every day, pointing everything back to God and giving him praise and glory that he deserves.