

2 Corinthians – Chapter 10

Author: Paul
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Purpose: for the Corinthians to rebuild trust in Paul as God's Apostle
Theme: Strength in weakness



We are ready!

Read 10:1-6

- † What is Paul responding to in verse 1?
- † Is it easier to write a letter, email, or text than to meet face-to-face and discuss challenges and problems in a relationship?
- † Was Paul being “two faced” because his letters were challenging and bold, but his demeanor amongst the people was kinder and more reserved?
- † What are “the standards of this world”? (vs 2)
- † Sometimes we forget the powers that work against us, what does verse 3 remind us?
- † Name some spiritual weapons that might be used to wage war.
- † How do we “take every thought captive to obey Christ”? (vs 5)

Authority

Read 10:7-12

- † What does it mean to “be Christ’s”? (vs 7)
- † What authority does Paul have?
 - See 2 Corinthians 5:20, 3:6; Jeremiah 31:31 & 34
- † What is God’s work through pastors? (vs 8) – what is authority?
- † Where else do we see Paul’s appearance or health come into question? (vs 10)
 - See 2 Corinthians 12:7; Galatians 4:13-14
- † Pride causes people to make comparisons. What caution is in verse 12?

Boast in God

Read 10:13-18

- † Can boasting be a good thing?
- † Why is Corinth especially within Paul’s authority? (vss 13-14)
 - See 1 Corinthians 4:15
- † Consider the type of leadership Paul is showing, what are some aspects that give him credibility?

- † What blessing does God want from our growth of faith? (vs 15-16)
- † Do modern day missionaries struggle with crossing into other workers' boundaries? (vs 16)
- † Where does the quote from verse 17 come from?
 - See Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 1:31
- † What's wrong with someone commending themselves? (vs 18)