

Boast in the Lord (5/5/24)

Main Verses: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:30

'Takeaway': Even though we're tempted to boast in things we've done, God graciously corrects us & calls us to boast in everything he's done for us in Jesus.



Getting Started: What does it mean to boast? Have you ever boasted about anything?

READ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does it mean to be in Christ Jesus?
- In verses 27-29 we read the difference between what "God chose" & what we often choose. What does God want us to understand from these differences?
- Why should we only boast in what God has done?

Elementary:

- What does it mean to be in Christ Jesus? What are righteousness, sanctification, & redemption?
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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- We are in Christ Jesus when we realize that we are sinners in need of God's rescue & leadership. When we surrender to him, thru faith in Jesus, we are **"in Christ Jesus."**
- God's ways are often opposite of what the world wants us to believe. God chose the weak to show his greatness, & what was considered foolish to bring salvation to his people.
- We can do nothing to save ourselves. Our boasting is in God alone. To boast in him means to praise him & rejoice in him (we might even say, to brag about God).

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- We are in Christ Jesus when we realize that we are sinners in need of God's rescue & leadership. When we surrender to him, thru faith in Jesus, we are **"in Christ Jesus."**
- The righteousness of Christ is enough to appease God & rescue us from our sin. In Christ, we put on his righteousness & are able to approach God.
- Sanctification is the process of being made holy as we abide in Christ.
- Redemption is found thru Christ alone, and surrendering to his loving leadership in our lives.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for loving us so much that he sent his Son to save us from our sins. Ask God to help you praise him & rejoice in him in your heart, your words, & your actions this week.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for sending his Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin & make a way for us to surrender to his leadership in our lives. Thank God that thru faith in Jesus, we put on Jesus' righteousness & are able to approach God. Ask him to help you recognize your deep need of him - to recognize that we can do nothing to save ourselves. Our hope & boasting is in God alone. Do you recognize your need for him to rescue you? If so, you might want to pray in this way: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.