

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Confident but not Proud

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

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REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-3. Why did Paul think that the Corinthian church itself was a better letter of recommendation than any written letter?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-6. What gave Paul the confidence that he was sufficient for the work of ministry?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-11. Why does Paul call the ministry of Moses the “ministry of death”? How is the ministry of the Spirit superior to the ministry of Moses?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. In verse 17, Paul says that “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”. What are we free *from*, and what is our freedom *for*? How does this freedom make us bold?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some common approaches in our culture for boosting one’s confidence? Are any of these approaches helpful? How do they go wrong? Why is there so much emphasis placed on having self-confidence and good self-esteem in our culture?

Do you struggle with confidence in your own life? If so, why do you think that is? What do you generally rely on to strengthen your confidence?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

Can confidence exist without pride? If so, how?

What does appropriate Christian confidence look like? What should we look to in order to bolster our confidence? What effect does humble God-confidence have on one’s life?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it look like to live confidently as a follower of Christ this week?