



Contrast

Week 3: Weakness

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Who are you inviting to join you at a Christmas Eve service this year?

GROUPS [VIDEO GUIDE](#)

READ:

- [2 Corinthians 11:16–12:10](#)

DISCUSS:

- In your opinion, why do boxers and wide receivers get away with boasting more than anyone else? (Or can you think of another profession or position where it is more prominent?)
- Why do you think people are so repulsed by boasting?
- How does our strength become a weakness with God?
- How does our weakness become a strength with God?
- Jesus said, *'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'* Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9). If you believed that 100%, what changes might take place in your life?

PRAYER:

Confession is a lost art in prayer. When it is practiced, it has a *massive upside*. Perhaps you, as a leader, could model that during this time of prayer. Articulate a prayer for the group, confessing pride that comes through insecurity. Beseech God to heal you so that you could boast in your weakness.

SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 9:23–24, "Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him

who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

Psalms 34:2, “I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.”

Psalms 44:8, “In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.”

Proverbs 27:1–2, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”

1 Corinthians 1:31, “So that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 11:30, “If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.”

Galatians 6:14, “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

Ephesians 2:8–9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

James 4:13–16, “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’ — yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.’ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.”