

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Boasting in Weakness

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Recognize our natural temptation to pride — we boast to feel loved, accepted, and like we belong, but everything we have is a gift from God.

1 Corinthians 4:7

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Apart from Jesus, you're not acceptable, but Christ died. So his righteousness would become our righteousness so that we would be accepted by God.

at 3:34

2

Receive God's protection from pride through pain — the thorn in the flesh is a gift from God to keep us from becoming conceited.

2 Corinthians 12:7

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God in his love and in his kindness, occasionally gives us a thorn. A little pressure release valve. To keep us from becoming so conceited that we ruin our own lives.

at 22:31

3

Respond to pain with prayer — bring trials before the Lord with passion, repetition, and specificity, seeking wisdom on whether God is using them for humility.

2 Corinthians 12:8

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But then if he showed up and was just faithful, he can't boast himself anyways because he knows he's not good at the thing he's doing in the first place. If something happens, it's only because God showed up and did the thing.

at 27:53

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**Rejoice in God's power rather than our own —
when we are weak, then we are strong,
because Christ's power rests on us in our
weakness.**

2 Corinthians 12:10

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Your grace is enough. Man, if we can come to that place and in humility say, God, your grace, the gifts I don't deserve from you, that's more than enough.

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