

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

## Sunday, May 26, 2024



10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **BOASTING**  
Galatians 6:11-18  
Pastor Gary Stump

Aren't we all turned off by people who are always boasting?

What do you boast about...your success, your money, your job, your awards, your looks, your kids or grandkids?

*Jeremiah 9:23 (NLT) This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches."*

Today I want to talk about how to boast!

### **Paul talks about boasting as he concludes the book of Galatians...**

*Galatians 6:11–18 (ESV) See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup> And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.*

### **vv. 12, 13 "those who want to make a good showing in the flesh... that they may boast"**

*1 Thessalonians 2:4b (NLT) Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.*

### **Paul's boasting**

*2 Corinthians 11:18–30 (NLT) And since others boast about their human achievements, I will, too. <sup>19</sup> After all, you think you are so wise, but you enjoy putting up with fools! <sup>20</sup> You put up with it when someone enslaves you, takes everything you have, takes advantage of you, takes control of everything, and slaps you in the face. <sup>21</sup> I'm ashamed to say that we've been too "weak" to do that! But whatever they dare to boast about—I'm talking like a fool again—I dare to boast about it, too. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. <sup>24</sup> Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. <sup>26</sup> I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. <sup>27</sup> I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. <sup>28</sup> Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I would rather boast about the things that show how weak I am.*

2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (NLT) *This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. <sup>3</sup> Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know <sup>4</sup> that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. <sup>5</sup> That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, <sup>7</sup> even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. <sup>8</sup> Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. <sup>9</sup> Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. <sup>10</sup> That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**v. 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.**

*Psalm 34:2 (NLT) I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. –David*

**How to boast of Jesus?** Do you know how to brag on your kids or grandkids? That's how you brag on Jesus. The difference is the Holy Spirit is affirming the truth of your brag!

- How has Jesus enriched your life? Be specific.
- How has the Lord provided for you?
- How have you received strength when you didn't think you could go on?
- When is a time when you had peace in the middle of a personal storm?
- How would you describe the joy that knowing Jesus gives you?
- What has the Lord set you free from?

Now pray about ways to insert these concepts into normal conversations.

**YOU: So what? Will you start boasting of Jesus?**

Spend time this week answering the above questions so you will be ready to boast about Jesus!

*1 Peter 3:15b (NIV84) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

**Let's do some boasting this week!!**

*Jeremiah 9:23–24 (NLT) This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. <sup>24</sup> But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!"*

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Credits:

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## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

### --MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE--

Tomorrow (Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>) we remember those in our armed services who gave their "last full measure of devotion" in defending the freedoms of the United States of America. As a grateful nation, we honor their sacrifice and mourn their loss. May they never be forgotten. May we steward well the freedoms they died to secure!

**1. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC SHOW—JUNE 1 @ 7PM—Live on stage at Onward will be** Leland Klassen, Bob Smiley, Robert G. Lee, plus our own David Pendleton. Tickets \$20. To purchase: <https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/box-office>

**2. BLOCK PARTY DOWNTOWN OUTREACH—June 8, 11am-3pm.** At Metro Baptist Center (952 N. Pennsylvania St), Tom Polak, Exec. Dir. Witnessing, assisting with games & activities, hospitality, serving. Note: Breakfast Casseroles needed for homeless breakfast on Sunday, June 9.

#### List of opportunities:

- Provide side dishes for lunch on Saturday.(metro will provide pork sandwich / hotdogs, drinks, chips, )
- Everyone is invited to participate in prayer walk. We will do a devotional time at 1:45 and begin walk in the downtown after.
- Serving food distributing clothing distributing groceries June 8
- Set up and tear down tents
- Set up and teardown clothing, tables/ chairs
- Distribute clothing serve food, hand out groceries
- Share the gospel
- Clean up
- Bake egg casserole for breakfast on Sunday. ( can be delivered on Saturday.)
- Serving food from 8:00 to 9:00 on Sunday, June 9

**3. PRAYER & SHARE—Thursday, June 13th @ 7:00pm**—please come and pray with your church family.

**4. YOUTH CAMP JUNE 19-22 @ CAMP INDICOSO, SPRINGVILLE, IN.** Camp Indicoso, 1558 Sieboldt Quarry Road, Springville, Indiana. Arrival: 11am on Wednesday, June 19. Return: Pick up on Saturday, June 22 at 4pm. Cost: \$350/pp, (\$300/pp for multiple siblings, same family). Can pay cash or check payable to "Mission Christian Academy." You can give the money to Jerry Ackerman.

**5. FAMILY CAMP—SEPTEMBER 20-22** at the Blue Gate Inn Shipshewana. Cost \$399 per family; \$250 per individual. Includes two nights lodging, two huge buffet breakfasts, and Amish dinner on Saturday evening. Limited space. To reserve your place or for more information visit: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/onwardfamilycamp>. Final payment due Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.



Family Camp Registration

**6. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING**—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact [nancy1108smith@gmail.com](mailto:nancy1108smith@gmail.com) or 317-508-8149.

**7. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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