

The Crowns In Corinthians – 1
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The Lord's give us a precious little wealth gold mine of some thoughts, and we'll start on what I believe He wants me to call it The Crowns In Corinthians. And so, God willing we'll take a little journey over the next some weeks, and in each of these chapters through the Corinthians the Lord is going to bring out a little message on the crown that we find throughout. And I thank the Lord many people talk about Corinthians as a correction letter or two. Well, let me tell you something, He's a God about correcting for a crown. So, I thank the Lord, He's always after that, He's not a God correcting to destroy us, to defeat us; it's encouragement, it's edifying. I thank the Lord there's in your life you'll hear the word criticism, and people think about criticism as something that's always just negative, and it really isn't. Sometimes there's positive things that come out of that, and one thing about the word of God it's always positive. Anything that He would always be doing for a child of God would always be to their benefit; it would always be to encourage them to awaken, take more, and to believe in the grace of God and His faithfulness from unwavering.

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So, tonight as we go forth let's begin reading from chapter one, and we'll read verses twenty-six through thirty-one. And Paul says to them, for ye see your calling brethren. And isn't that wonderful how the lord, you don't just hear your calling, you see your calling. Isn't that something beautiful about the Lord, He gives you a vision, without a vision the people perish. And so that's the beautiful thing about the Lord, is that He gives you everything. He's not just telling you; He's showing you; He's revealing it to you. And again, these saints, they have the Holy Ghost, and I thank the Lord they have everything they need, they just need to really need to hone-in to the grace of God and go on in the word of His grace. But He said for you see your calling brethren how that not many wise men; not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

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And you can say again, and God has chosen base things of the world, and things which are despised hath God chosen; isn't that something? That's what God chooses. Yea, and things which are nought to bring to nought things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus Who God has made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption that according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. So, we see here what's pointed out as we move into this portion, God Hath chosen. That means that God has picked out for Himself; that's what chosen means, He's picked for Himself. It wasn't some random choosing, it wasn't choosing for something that could be real special, this is the most

special thing that could ever be chosen., and God did the choosing, and God chose it for Himself; this is incredible.

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Turn on over to James Chapter Two, verse five. Many places in the word of God the word gives us this encouragement in a way, but I love as it says in these verses. In James 2:5 it says hearken my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him? So once again God has picked out for Himself the poor, so we're back to the description that we have in First Corinthians in our text; the afflicted, the lowly, this even means the fallen, and that's what God has chosen. This is the God praise the Lord; in the word of God, it says this is the God that gives grace to the humble, amen. This is the God that has pleasure in the beauty of a bruised reed, a smoking flax, and He promised it won't break, and it won't quench. We're thankful that this is the God that loved the lowly, but this is also the God that says the proud and the self-righteous, I see them afar off. They're afar off from Me.

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And I think of this when you think of picked out for Himself, you often hear this about people that are drawn into certain types of people, and I'm just going to go to one example that I know has been said, and I don't mean it could happen for a man or a woman, but I've heard it more with a woman, and people say oh she's so drawn to bad men. I don't know if you've ever heard that, but I've heard that for a few times. Well, let me tell you something, Jesus is drawn to bad people, Jesus is drawn to messed up people. Jesus is drawn to fishermen that were the lowest of the low life's that were in a way filthy. They didn't have really anything to have any thought of God, they were known to be drinkers and carousers, cursers, all these different things. He was drawn not just to a tax collector, but a tax collector that was collecting taxes from his brethren. He was drawn to prostitutes, the possessed, He was drawn to a woman that was caught in the very act of adultery. He was drawn to a woman at a well, a Samaritan woman that had five prior husbands, and was living with a man that wasn't her husband. Do you see it?

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I want you to take a moment. I know sometimes we talk about this, but do you see it that that's what beauty is to Him. That's because only the treasure can be found in the earthen vessel. And we're talking about crown treasure, aren't we? Now do you understand even the more that it's His vessels of mercy that are clothed with the riches of His glory? It's that base, it's that lowly. It's that weak. It's that foolish, it's that despised. I pray to God each and every one of us truly that there's the grace of God that's with us that we can cry out just as Paul, oh wretched man that I am. There's a beauty in that, saints. There's a glory in that because it comes to the point that I have no glory but Christ. I have no goodness but Him. I can't find it, I can't produce it; I don't want to and thank You Lord I couldn't anyways. And yet that's the beauty because He gave us that heart. He gave us that praise for His grace that His mercy is what ravishes us. That he would think of that of me.

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Now, brothers and sisters, the beauty to Him are His earthen vessels. They're weak, they're frail; that's the pearl of great price; it is. His masterpiece that can only, only be mercy; His masterpiece can only be mercy. His masterpiece couldn't deserve to be His masterpiece, it has to be completely undeserving, and it has to know that. And isn't that something because the Lord made every man undeserving. Across the board we were all born in sin and shapen in iniquity, amen? Amen, so none of us were worthy, So, you can see that's how God showed He wasn't a respecter of persons. He wasn't making people one way or another because He wanted to accept some and reject others. This is the foreknowledge of God, and this is why He's not a respecter of persons. That's why He can say, I would be that all men be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth because I made every man; I made it that way that every man comes in one way dead in their trespasses and sin. They must receive the blood of Jesus. And that wasn't for condemnation, that truly was for glorification. 10:01

It was to place us in a state that we would need His Son, that there wouldn't be anything else. That this glory; this glory we're speaking of here; Paul's gospel glory to be bestowed, the full overcoming place with Him was there for everyone; everyone, and you're just amazed at it. Let's see, the masterpiece can only be mercy, it can only be humble, it can only be broken. It's not the proud, it's not the arrogant, it's not the haughty, it's not the self-righteous that somehow think that they're just the little bit more perfect because of who, or what they do. So. it's the foolish, it's the weak, the base. Every single one of our brothers and sisters in the word of God, that's all of them. And you're thankful, it's just like David's men; those mighty men, they were outcasts, but yet they were always God's choice, did you know that? 11:27

Turn with me back to First Samuel. We read this not too long ago, but in First Samuel Chapter Twenty-two we'll read from verse one. It says that David therefore parted thence, and you knew just where he was going, he was fearful, he had to get away from Saul because he knew Saul was going to kill him, and he escaped to the cave Adullam. And when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt; I think that's kind of funny that David's fearful knows he going to die, and who shows up? The distressed. All of them, everyone that's in debt, everyone that was discontented. It doesn't sound like there's a lot of encouragement that David's going to be surrounded by right now. It's just like if you were to think like wow Lord, You're pounding this guy. This is the epitome of misery loves company, and boy it's going to be a miserable time manifold, isn't it? 12:55

So, everyone that was in distress, everyone that was in debt, everyone that was discontented gathered themselves unto him, and he became a captain over them and therein with about four hundred men. Now we know that it represents especially our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But you know, David's a precious brother just like us. And just like us and that God chose him; chose him and gave him a perfect heart. That's them also that loved His appearing, Old Testament and New Testament. You have a perfect

heart? It gives me chills to think of that. It's the same heart, He's not a respecter of it, and what He knows is going to be His best whether it's for the Old Testament saints, or the new. But I thank the Lord as we see this, and we see the truth in it, and all those four hundred, that's where the mighty men came from. I want you to understand that all of those that the word of God talks about the incredible power, the love, the devotion, the absolute commitment to the things of God, that's the nucleus of them; that's who they are. Not were, that who they are, and that's who they always are. Amen, okay base one, okay foolish one, okay weak one? 14:25

How many years ago would you ever like a sermon like that, that pointed that out to you? And today praise the Lord it's our glory. It's our glory, and we know it, and the beautiful thing is, is because you know by the grace of God in hearing this truth in love gospel the word of His grace it's built you up. But it's built Christ in you up. Christ in you, and that's all powerful, and it really is because that's the power praise God that stands at the shore of the sea when everybody's complaining, and you're saying be still, know that He is God and you're not just speaking words, you know it's true. Oh, I wish their eyes see what mine see. Oh hallelujah, there in the hills the army of God is around us. It's never changed. You see, He had to take us this way to understand as Brother Paul said, when I'm weak then am I strong. When I glory in my infirmities, I glory in my weakness because it's there the very power of Christ rests upon us. What power do you really want? I believe we would say I want the power of God; I want the power of Christ laying, resting upon me. Well, how did that happen? Right here. And I thank the Lord I can say this to each and every one of us, He does this for us. So, let's not take any credit for it. Don't, He brings you to the place of weakness. We wouldn't have chose that, but He chose you, so it wasn't going to be any other way. 16:15

It wasn't going to be anybody else but Noah building that boat, it wasn't going to be anybody else but David that was going to come over and become the perfect hearted king. It wasn't going to be anybody else; it had to be that one. That one, amen? So, we thank the Lord for this. I mean we thank the Lord for this. Now rarely do you ever see, because it said not many mighty, it said not many wise, not many noble. Not often do we see one like a Jonathan. I would put him in that camp of not many mighty, not many noble. But I'm going to tell you something about Jonathan, I think you know it. In spirit they know they are lowly people. Everything about that precious brother. My goodness, his heart was struck. David speaking, that kid and he was struck because He knew that the power of God was upon that vessel, that there was true mercy upon David, and he bonded with that. He loved that. He became so lowly in that, that he took off all of his armors and gave it to David. He gave him that immediately. It was that bond of that lowliness. You're thankful because not only do they in a way know that they're base, they make themselves maybe, more base by choosing the base over the proud even if that proud is their family. 17:58

That's the not many mighty Johnathan. His status wasn't, well, I'm Saul's family, I'm from this family, un uh. Everything was about the grace and the mercy of the Lord. He

was a base man even though by the grace of God you would say well, that he was not many mighty, he was not many noble, but they still have the same heart. And Johnathan, I'm going to tell you something, he loved the base man; he loved David. He really loved David, didn't he? Yeah, David was base; really base. David even said I'll be even more base, so he knew he was base, but the joy of the Lord was so upon him when he danced before the Lord as that ark came in, and he was being criticized for it, what was his response? I'll be even more base because David knew that it was the base, and it was the lowliness praise God, that God was drawn to in his life and continued to be so. Don't try to be bettering yourself to God. Just love Him for how He loves you. and I think that actually kind of makes you even the more base, because you realize really how awful I am, and how much He loves me anyway. 19:42

I guess, I hope I'm not just speaking to myself, But Davd was base; he was the shepherd kind of thrown out there because that's kind of what he did, because the runt of the litter, the brothers were more prominent, they got to go to be in the army. The battle, all those different things; not David. David, you go there. His brothers even let him know in a way, David, you're a half breed. As we study this out, we really understand David didn't have the same mom as his brothers, thanks be to God. David was one as I mentioned earlier, he would get overwhelmed and dance and shout before God that makes some uneasy. Sister, I used to see them get uneasy in here; oh yeah, I saw them, and I don't see them in here anymore. And I say to that thank God. I wish they were, but kind of coldness if it doesn't break, God You take care of it and He does; and He does. I'm not trying to stir anything up, or create some strange fire, but I'll tell you what, this is documented so sweetly in the word of God, there is something very pleasing to God about David getting almost naked and dancing before me in front of everybody. 21:24

I'm not encouraging that if front of the church right now, but I want you to take it for what it is. It's just so overcome, he was in the throne room, praise the Lord. You don't want to be unfruitful, do you? No, we don't, do we? But see, that's how someone who wasn't thinking of themselves as base. See, those handmaids and things, they really enjoyed that and loved that because there was the king so overwhelmed for God that he was made like one of them. I want to respect the Lord, but I certainly don't want anybody to look to me. And I pray it's not because of how I look. I pray it's only by the grace of God that's with me. I remember how sweetly that was. One time I was with Polly, and we down there in west Texas, and you know she talks about Martha, and the family does. Well, where that ranch would have started for her grandpa would have got off that train; it was Valentine; Valentine Texas. I don't know, it has a post office because they like to put the name Valentine on your postcard if you want to send it there. But I don't know, there might be ten people there, twelve, and I think I've driven through there many, many times and I've never seen one. 23:25

But you know what? Believe it or not with some rickety buildings that were out there, and I mean just tiny, tiny place; I mean just one little street as your driving on this highway just gone, and its dirt, and you don't think anybody's back in there, and I didn't know anything was back there, but there was a church. It didn't look like a church, but it was a church, and so Polly said we're going to go to church and in Valentine today and I said Well, that's wonderful, I've never been there to go to church. She said you'll love it. There's a, you know this man's name was Alf, and Alf is a cowboy. He had a ranch, and he's a cowboy, a real cowboy. And you get in there and you know, there were probably five or six people there, and here comes Alf. And I'm telling you, the way he looked, he'd had to just gotten off a horse. No, he had his hat, he had his jeans, and they were all not filthy, but they're dirty. He had this, and he apologized and he said you know I had to do something, I don't know if it was a calf that morning, or whatever he had to do, I had to take care of what God had me to, but God's given me the word, and he came in there and he took off his hat, had his bible, it was one of the sweetest times in a lot of ways. He didn't know the depth of the scriptures, but I'll tell you one thing, he was humble before the Lord. Pray some people are listening whether they like it or not. 25:03

So, David was a fornicator, David was an adulterer, David was a murderer. I suspect that if he were our pastor, he did those things how many people would still be here? Does it matter more that, that base one is God's choice? Does that matter? I think it really matters, doesn't it? Think about that. You know, sometimes we think back about David when you think about all the wonderful times. You know, he lived quite a few years. God did some amazing things in his life, and especially starting out there was Goliath, all the different things he did as a warrior, and all that, and God called him to be king. And then God fifteen years later after He called him, He puts him in that place because you know God's word is true; He's coming, just be still. Be happy while you're waiting because it's coming. He that shall come will come; He won't tarry, I know He's coming for us praise the Lord. 26:27

But all those things that the Lord did for him, I know that God had David to have a grateful heart for that, But David had many rough patches in his life because he's a man; he's flesh; and he had some really horrible rough times. And it's interesting, he didn't have those rough times, especially with Bethsheba, and adultery, fornication, and murder; he didn't have before he became king. It was when he became king when he was leading the people. When he was, you'd say, he was the example. People had already written songs about him; he killed his ten thousand ... then that happened? Pretty much half the kingdom turned against him. Even some of his mighty men wanted him dead. It's the truth. Does it matter to you that God loved the base things. God didn't remove him, did He? un uh, He exalted him. And that was for David and the Lord, but it was also for the people of God as well too. 27:43

There's not going to be any glorying in the flesh. God will not allow it; not for the bride; You want the crown? There'll be no glorying in the flesh; zero. It can't be, there can't be one shred of it, you cannot be found having your own self-righteousness; that's what

that is. I'm thankful to the Lord as He really brought that forth that Friday night, I guess this last week seemed so long ago. But that was during the sermon, I never, really, really, never really received it like that. And I was thankful to God to really bring that forth, and how sweet. You're talking about winning Christ's best. That is a mark, that's a mark for the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Paul lays it out very clearly there. It's all grace, period. Paul's gospel is all grace period, period. If any leaven is added to that, that's not Paul's gospel anymore. At that moment; at that moment that's not Paul's gospel. At that moment that leaven leavened the whole lump. It didn't stay just a little bit of leaven; it leavened the whole thing. It's laid down. It's like Paul said in Philippians, he said it's got to be not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, it must be the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus period.

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This is what by the grace of God we run for, amen? Amen. And it's so true, one of the brothers brought out about a message in a theme we heard many times with Brother Hill always pointing over at Brother Ty, and He knows this. Ty flew airplanes a long, long way. When I fly it doesn't have a bathroom, you got to come down after a few hours. You should, but you get on that plane, and you know, you say well, you know, I'm going right there and I'm going in that direction. You're off an eighth of a degree, a sixteenth of a degree it doesn't seem that much, I mean you look at the compass and it's just a teeny smidgen over here. I mean correcting it you almost couldn't even correct it, that's a smidge. But you ask this brother right here, you go across from California to New York starting off like that? Instead of New York you're somewhere in Canada, or you're somewhere around South Carolina, and it was off only that tiny bit. It's more than that; it's more than that, it truly is. A little leaven, you went completely backward. That's why Paul said to them, you should be teaching this, you should be feasting on strong meat, but you got off just that little bit of leaven, and now I got to go back and teach you with milk.

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There's not going to be any glorying in the flesh, amen? It's all Him, and only the base really gets this. I thank the Lord, that really this better be a church that glories only in Him. That we glory in the faith that He has given us, not in deeds or actions, but glorying in His grace. And I thank God because you know God will take out the leaven, because leaven can't stand with grace; it won't, It won't. Grace is always greater; grace is always greater. Isn't it ironic I thought as the Lord was bringing this to my heart? Many churches want to shun Christians that fail and mess up; they do, a lot of times, now I'm not talking discourse; discourse is something different, but I'm talking about somebody that failed; as they say, messed up. Something of that regard, and if that was the benchmark, David would never would have had a mighty man. Do you understand that?

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If they had to go, there wouldn't be any that was in debt, there wouldn't be any distress. If you want mighty men, you've got to have that. If you want grace and mercy to abound in the church you've got to have that. And matter of fact we do have it, praise the Lord. You really been thinking about it too if that was the benchmark, Israel would never have had a king, none of us would even have a pastor. If that was the benchmark we

wouldn't have even had Paul's gospel. Thanks be to God we have the chief of sinners that the Lord chose, and He said you're the chosen vessel unto Me. Beautiful, because it's going to be my mercy period. 33:52

So, I pray that God's precious people continue to awaken to this, but if, and see what happens often times is we still have that flesh that wants that leaven, and you try to hide behind grace, and yet you're still just glorying in the flesh, and you know what, you're not hiding because the leaven will always expose you; Grace will show it. Now I pray by God's grace for my life, and for our meeting that we'll always glory in the Lord that this flock is a flock of the base, and the weak, and the foolish. Praise the Lord that we understand this, that we understand that it's when we are in our infirmity that he is made strong. That we come in this place to grow in grace; isn't that something to grow in unmerited favor. to grow in unmerited love. 35:04

To grow in unmerited everything. That's why we come into this place. We come in here to grow in faith. We come in here to hear sound doctrine, we come in here to hear the word of His grace, we come in here to hear the truth in love. and that the glory praise God would be of Him, and not of us. You think of Jesus Himself, there was nothing on His outward appearance that would have drawn one person. God did that perfectly, that was the appearance that He wanted of His Son that there wasn't anything from His outward countenance that would have drawn anything to Him, that you would think there was anything for Him to glory about. That that was not going to be the I Am that I Am from where He was born to everything in His life, and everything really about Him. 35:56

Can we not receive from that as well too, that by the grace of God, Lord help me not want to magnify what I want to see externally. See, if I've got a godly countenance, it's not because of something on the outside. It's because of Christ in me, the hope of glory. If you really want change from glory to glory, the only thing that can be changed, the only thing that can be grown up fully, is matured, perfected in the fullness of completion is the inner man, the new man. That's the only one that can. Praise the Lord. And I thank God we talk about it often. This flesh cannot be changed; it cannot, and God saw fit that it can't. The only thing that can change from glory to glory is the lack of Christ in us. And I thank the Lord the outward appearance doesn't change, but as that inward man grows it becomes a magnificent testimony of the Lord because it's His life, and He causes this body to continue and to will and do of His good pleasure. 37:32

Now, as we get down to our text here of this glory, or this crown in Corinthians that we find tonight, did you notice that in verse twenty-eight? The base things of this world and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought the things that are. So basically, what it's saying there is the things that are so overlooked, the things that are not are going to bring to nought the things that look so great, that look so are. But I thank the Lord this is all about the are nots, and I've said that before, by the grace of God we want to be brother and sister are not. We are the church of the are not, amen, and it's true and you're so thankful for it. 38:30

This is the God that brought all creation out of nothing. Turn to Genesis Chapter One. Let's read verses two and three. Really, this is the God that brought all of creation out of nothing; out of nothing. In verse two of chapter One it says the earth was without form, it was void, it was dark upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of God moved. That's you. That's your life. And the Spirit of God moved, amen. And it moved upon the face of the waters, and God said let there be. Let there be. Let there be light and you know what there was? Light; why? Because God said it. And you think about what we've been hearing and really rejoicing in over these past years. Let there be ...ha. He even says it this way, I'll perform it, I'll accomplish it; I will do it. And then, praise the Lord, it's done. Okay Brother and Sister Are Not that we'll know the grace of God are going to bring to not to things that are.

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Praise the Lord, we live the life, yet it doth not yet appear. It doth not yet appear that God chose you. It doth not yet appear, but we know. We know, we know, we know. We know. Hallelujah, that we brethren that are not, and by grace, praise the Lord, we are. Yes, we are the things that are and forever will be, that are like Him. That are full of glory, the ones that doth not yet appeared, but it shall be. It's done; they are like Him. I pray that the Lord has given us this understanding and this rest of God, that we just cease from our own works, and just continue to have Him water, tend to us, the husbandman attending to the vine, and when it's ready, praise the Lord, the fruits going to be taken in the barn. And I thank God this happens in our lives because we yield. We yield, and you know what we yield to? As it says there in verse thirty, we yield to He has been made everything to us.

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He has been made everything to us; everything. He has been made wisdom to us. Think of the wisdom, that's all the knowledge, all the understanding that you have, He's been made that unto you. He's been made unto you every bit of righteousness. How righteous is that? Fully, completely, and forever because it's His life. And then He's been made unto us sanctification; He's been made unto us that. He does this separating unto Him; that's Who does this. It's the word of His grace that builds you up. And gives you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. What did that? Who did that? It's the word of His grace. He set you apart to Himself, praise the Lord?

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And then finally redemption. Paise God, He's been made unto us that. We are not our own. His blood did that. He redeemed us, He purchased us with His blood. Praise God, He raised us, He seated us together with Him, and praise be to God, His blood even apprehended us unto Him. So, saints, we glory in the Lord; that's glorying in the Lord. That is the pure glorying in the Lord when you know He's everything, when you know that He does the work, when you know that He's already finished the work. And you thank Him for all this, and you praise Him. And, when ones say to you that might be self-righteous, I got one for you, and I'll be even the more base. And you know what that is? Just go after more grace. That's what the base do. Why? Because they want more of His unmerited favor, amen? That's what the ones that have the riches of His glory bestowed

upon them. If I'm taking breath, by the grace of God, more. How does that happen? Just understand and praise Him more and more for the mercy of God. 44:10

Oh, wretched man that I am. Thank You Jesus; thank You Jesus. You didn't set me up to discourage me, for me to fail, anything. You set me completely up to praise You, to thank you, and to glory in You. and I thank God tonight too because I can honestly say this for the people that the Lord did. He said not many mighty, not many wise, those are treasures; those are treasures. Appreciate brethren that might have some position sometimes in this life that really love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and might. Because it was the same mercy, it was the same grace, and it's a mighty thing, and I thank the Lord that it's our crown that He drew us out of every kindred, tongue, and nation. He drew us praise the Lord out of every walk of life because He's not a respecter of persons. 45:17

He shows us that a Jonathan can praise Him with all of his heart, soul, and might. He showed praise God that the Apostle Paul, praise God that that one that was so self-righteous, the love of God can get to him, amen? I mean thanks be to God, even if you can't really define your life, that's just perfect. I guess we'll just call you Brother and Sister Are Not. Just hang right there, just be in all them also. I don't need my name anywhere, I've got one that written on me and that's the one I'll have forever, amen? Let's stand and be dismissed. 46:05