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Review & Use 2 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:18

Review: God's provision grants us the confidence to influence the world for Jesus.

- 1. God uses us to influence the world around us.
- 2. Our <u>sufficiency</u> to influence others comes only from Christ's victory and the Spirit's indwelling.
- 3. Our God-given sufficiency establishes our <u>bold confidence</u> for the task of influencing.

You have been changed!

You are...

- 1. ... triumphant. (v. 2:14)
- 2. ... the aroma of Christ. (v. 2:15)
- 3. ... purveyors of the pure knowledge of God. (v. 2:17)
- 4. ... **alive**! (v. 3:6)
- 5. ... witnesses of the glory of God. (v. 3:7-11)
- 6. ... **bold** in serving others. (v. 3:12)
- 7. ... freed from needing to measure up. (v. 3:17)

How is this change lived out and developed?

1. Develop a heart that prioritizes being more like Jesus.

Rom. 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2. Keep the goal of influencing others in mind.

Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

3. Intentionally meditate on Jesus and his accomplishments.

2 Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Four Steps for specific and measurable life change:

- 1. Prayerfully identify a specific area of need.
- 2. Take off the "old man" Identify the temptation source, the lie, and the theft.
- 3. Renew your mind in light of God's word; behold the Savior!
- 4. Put on the "new man" by training to win.

Reflection & Discussion

- 1. Are there identifiable areas in your life where you desire growth in Christ-likeness? How will that growth help you to cultivate a clearer and greater influence?
- 2. Take time this week with the additional handout, "Specific and Measurable Life-Change." Commit time to developing this pattern in your life.
- 3. Consider joining a weekly group where this type of change is the goal. There is benefit to engaging in these things as a family.

<u>songs</u>

"STAND IN YOUR LOVE" – Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, Ethan Hulse, Rita Springer

"THIS IS AMAZING GRACE" – Phil Wickham, Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"LIVING HOPE" - Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

<u>BUDGET</u>

GIVING LAST WEEK:	\$ 63,064.96
WEEKLY NEED:	\$ 36,093.00
Y-T-D GIVING:	\$364,380.90
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED:	\$397,023.00