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## **Boast About You**

**What do you have that you haven't received from me?** Nothing, I know that every good and perfect gift that I have received comes from you. **Yes, that's true. Since all your gifts, talents and abilities, all you have, who you are, and hope to be comes from me, how much room does that leave for you to boast about anything?** I have no room or reason to boast. **You can't boast about your great wisdom?** No. **You can't boast about your astounding strength?** No. **You can't boast about your abundant riches?** No. **Why is that?** I don't have great wisdom, astounding strength or abundant riches. **No, you do not.** I'm actually thankful that I have none of these. **Why is that?** If I had great wisdom, astounding strength or abundant riches I would become self-reliant. I would rely on myself instead of you. **Are you sure of that?** Yes, I'm absolutely sure. **That's good and you are right.**

**Is there anything that you can boast about?** I really don't even like that word. **Yes, I know. But, is there anything that you are so happy and thankful for that you feel compelled to tell others about? There must be something that you take great joy in that you can't keep quiet about.** Yes, there is. **Tell me.** I am so thankful and happy that you show yourself to me. You speak to me so that I can hear you. You guide me so that I can follow you. You give me your wisdom so that I can know what to think and how to act. You give me your strength so that I can do all that you ask of me. You have made me rich in my relationship with you now and forever. I can boast about all these things that you have done and will do for me. I'm safe in boasting about you and your love, righteousness and justice. There is nothing special about me. What you have done for me you will do for all those who seek you with all their heart. That is worth giving thanks over and boasting about. **Yes, it is.** So, I will boast about you so that others will want to come to know you.

*Lord, you have placed in my heart a hunger and thirst for you. I have a burning desire to know you above anything else in life.*

*Help me to wait and watch and listen to hear and see all you are doing and saying. I want to know you. Amen*

**Wisdom***Boast About This*

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

NIV

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Boast In This*

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."

ESV

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Boast In This*

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. 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!

NLT

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Glory In This*

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

NKJV

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Boast In This*

Thus says the LORD: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the LORD; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

NRSV

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Brag In This*

GOD's Message: "Don't let the wise brag of their wisdom. Don't let heroes brag of their exploits. Don't let the rich brag of their riches. If you brag, brag of this and this only: That you understand and know me. I'm GOD, and I act in loyal love. I do what's right and set things right and fair, and delight in those who do the same things. These are my trademarks." GOD's Decree.

MSG

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Glory In This*

Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

AMP

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Boast In This*

The Lord says: "Let not the wise man bask in his wisdom, nor the mighty man in his might, nor the rich man in his riches. Let them boast in this alone: That they truly know me, and understand that I am the Lord of justice and of righteousness whose love is steadfast; and that I love to be this way.

TLB

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Boast Of This*

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

NASB

Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Wisdom***Brag That*

This is what the LORD says: "The wise must not brag about their wisdom. The strong must not brag about their strength. The rich must not brag about their money. But if someone wants to brag, let him brag that he understands and knows me. Let him brag that I am the LORD, and that I am kind and fair, and that I do things that are right on earth. This kind of bragging pleases me," says the LORD.

NCV

Jeremiah 9:23-24

# Boast About This

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Gratitude** – Jeremiah 9:23-24

**In Context:** Read Jeremiah 9

**Begin With Prayer:**

**Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.**

**Meditating On God’s Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Lord, you have placed in my heart a hunger and thirst for you. I have a burning desire to know you above anything else in life. Help me to wait and watch and listen to hear and see all you are doing and saying. I want to know you. Amen

**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

Why is it foolish to boast in worldly wisdom?  
Why is it foolish to boast in human strength?  
Why is it foolish to boast in earthly riches?

**How have you made it the priority of your life to understand and know the Lord?**

**How has the Lord been helping you to understand and know Him?**

What has the Lord shown you about His kindness, justice and righteousness?

**How would you like to boast about the Lord so that others can know Him?**

**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Boast about the Lord and tell others about His love, righteousness and justice so that they can know Him.

**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that God will help you to understand and know Him as you live your life with and for Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how understanding and knowing the Lord is the priority of your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

**Quiet Yourself Before The Lord**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

