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## **“Despising Shame”**

*“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)*

### **Taking the ‘Dis’ out of ‘Disgrace’**

**1 Corinthians 15:9-10** – (9) “For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (10) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”

**Acts 26:9-11** – (9) “I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. (10) And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. (11) And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.”

**2 Corinthians 12:7-9** – (7) “So to keep me from being too conceited by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too conceited. (8) Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. (9) But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses (feebleness, frailty), so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

<b>Key Point: As Jesus Despised Shame, so must I</b>
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### **Purveyor of Grace**

**2 Corinthians 2:5-8** – (5) “Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. (6) For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, (7) so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. (8) So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.”

**2 Corinthians 7:8-10** – (8) “For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. (9) As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. (10) For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”

**Key Point 2: As Jesus Dispenses Grace, so must I**

**To Despise shame I must:**

**(1) Join the Shame Recovery Group**

“I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.” (Revelation 3:18)

**(2) Give Grace as you have received Grace**

“...freely ye have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8 *KJV*)

**Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I prone to heap shame on myself, and too readily agree with Satan’s accusations?

Do I tend to dispense grace or shame on others?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)