

X-Games

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2 Corinthians 13:5

I will boast about a man like that but I will not boast about myself except about my weaknesses.

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X-amine Yourself

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Ben: (wearing ugly shorts, an even uglier shirt, a hat and sunglasses.

Enters running and jumping on stage) I'm here! I'm here! I have made it!

I can't believe it! I have finally made it. I am at (camp name)! I am

extremely pumped up. (stops and looks around; at audience, and then

back from where he came from; pauses) Neal? Where are you? Hello?

Neal: (enters carrying an ice chest, lawn chair, a suit case, or two, tennis racket, sleeping bag, pillow, wearing shorts, a shirt, a hat (same as Ben's) and sun glasses.

Ben: Where have you been?

Neal: Carrying all of your stuff! (drops it!) Ben, you don't think you brought a little too much?

Ben: Of course not Neal! I have brought everything that I needed. I have the ice chest, because you never know when you might need a refreshing drink by the tennis court while watching the babes. I need the sleeping bag to sleep in. A pillow to hit you with, a lawn chair to sit in so I can watch all the *extreme* babes walk by. And of course, my suitcase full of very *extremely* cool clothing (struts down the stage modeling his current outfit).

Neal: Do you think you forgot anything?

Ben: Of course not! I have everything for I need for an *extreme* week at camp!

Neal: So what do you plan to get out of this week?

Ben: Lots of *extreme* stuff! *Extreme* babes, *extreme* food, *extreme* girls, *extreme* recreation, *extreme* women, *extreme* fun, *extreme* babes, *extreme*

Neal: (interrupting) You've said that one.

Ben: Oh, uh... and *extreme* fel-l-o-w-s-hip!!!!

Neal: But, Ben there is more to camp than this.

Ben: What else can there be? I've planned for everything?

Neal: Ben I think you need to *examine* yourself and ask yourself what is the real reason you came to camp this week? Was it just for the fun, food, fellowship and girls, or was it to learn more about God and his plan for your life?

Ben: (pauses and thinks) Well, uh... (pauses)

Neal: Ben there is nothing wrong with wanting to have fun this week. But if your main focus this week is on God, it will be an *extreme* week, in addition to the fun, food, fellowship and maybe even girls. And if God is your primary focus for this week, it will be most *extreme* week you have ever had!

Ben: Maybe you are right. (pause) No you are right. Thanks for being a friend. I do want this week to be like no other week I have ever had in my life! So I am going to put God first this week and see what he has to teach me! Man, I'm extremely pumped up now more than ever lets go! (Ben starts to run off stage, then stops and comes back) Let me help you pick up and carry some of this stuff to our room.

Neal: That is *extremely* nice of you! (Ben & Neal pick up stuff and exit).

X-ercising your Faith

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Setting: Lights come up and enters stage with a Camp Handbook.

Ben: I am so ready for today! Today's focus is, (looking in Camp handbook?) Exercising my faith! (pauses to think) I can do that, because I am "Mr. Exercise!" I guess I will start with a few push-ups. (does one push ups, then goes down for the second one and doesn't come back up; he is straining when Neal enters).

Neal: Hey Ben, what *are* you doing??

Ben: I'm exercising! What does it look like I am doing.

Neal: It looks like you have fallen and you can't get up!

Ben: Very funny, ha! Ha! Ha! I will do push ups later. (Ben stands up and starts running in place).

Neal: Ben, why are you exercising?

Ben: Because today theme is exercising my faith, so I'm getting ready to go out and show my faith, but I want to be physically ready, so when I go door to door, or run all around my school's campus sharing my faith, I won't get tired out! (stops running in place and tries to catch his breath).

Neal: Ben, that is great and all, but you need to be exercising your faith in growth.

Ben: What do you mean?

Neal: You need to exercise your faith in spiritual growth, so you will be ready when you “run everywhere” sharing your faith.

Ben: Oh, (pause) ok, how do I do that?

Neal: You can start each day by spending some time with God—

Ben: (interrupting)Yea, Yea, I will get up at 5 o'clock every morning and spend 3 hours with God before I start my day!

Neal: But Ben, you

Ben: (interrupting again) And then before I go to be I will read and study an entire chapter of my Bible! Yea! I can be extreme about exercising my faith!

Neal: Ben, hold it for a second, (pause) you are being too extreme.

Ben: What do you mean?

Neal: It would be great to do everything you just said, but you can't just start so extremely.

Ben: Why can't I? I am an extreme guy, surely I can handle it!

Neal: You can, but you can also get tired out pretty easy. You can and should spend time with God everyday and in His Word, reading and studying it.

Ben: Ok? So why can't I be extreme about it?

Neal: You *can* be extreme, but as far as spending the amount of time you were talking about, it is almost impossible to just wake up and start doing it one day.

Ben: It is?

Neal: Yes, and it might work for a day or two, or even for a week, but it will also be real easy to get burned out.

Ben: Ok, so what do I do then?

Neal: You start of small and work up. It is like those push ups you were doing. How many had you done?

Ben: Ten, when you had walked in.

Neal: Oh really?

Ben: Ok, just one.

Neal: That is alright, and if you can do 1 today and maybe 2 tomorrow, and 4 the next day, and maybe 8 the next, before you knows it, you will be up to 20 or more!

Ben: Ok, I understand that.

Neal: And if you do the same with your spiritual life. Start out small, just spending 10 or 15 minutes in the morning with God in prayer and having a Quiet Time, and then in the evening read a little bit out of your Bible, say 5

or 6 verses, or a small passage. Then each day, maybe spend a little more time with God and maybe read a little more. And before you know it,

Ben: (interrupting) I will be a regular **David Young** (the camp pastor)

Neal: I wouldn't go that far. Seriously, your goal should not be to have a spiritual walk like **David Young** or even Billy Graham, your goal should be to have a spiritual walk like God wants you to have. Unique only to you and Him.

Ben: Cool, (pause) I'm excited! I'm going to go right now and start by having a quiet time! (Ben runs off stage and then runs back) Thanks Neal!

Neal: No problem Ben (Ben exits), (Neal says to audience) How many more days of putting up with Ben—I mean of camp do I have left?

(lights go out).

X-emplify Christ

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(Ben enters: Wearing shorts, sock, tennis shoes, and a T-shirt; he also has his Camp Handbook which is what he is looking at)

Ben: Today is Wednesday, (pause) man, camp is half over! Let me see what today's focus is. Exemplify Christ. Exemplify, hmm, that mean I need to tell everybody about Christ! Ok, before I can do this, I must get ready first though; Neal is going to be so proud of me! Let's see, (he turns around, goes to side of stage and gets a jacket and puts it on. Next he puts on a tie, and then pick up a HUGE Book (pretending it is the Bible; he starts preaching to the Audience). You need the Lord! Yes indeed, you need to come and be saved today. If you are not saved, you are going to one place, and that one place isn't in the upward direction. No, No, No, No, it is in the opposite direction....

Neal: (Enters and is amazed by what Ben is doing; Ben does not see him, and continues)

Ben: Now it isn't just enough to be saved, you need to go and tell other's about Jesus! Yes in need, You need to tell everyone around. Won't you say it with me, come on, say it with me now! "You need Jesus!" Say it with me now! "You need Jesus!"

Neal: (interrupts) Ben, Ben, Ben!!!! What in the world are you doing!????

Ben: I am exemplifying Christ by telling everyone about him! Come on

Neal, come and join in, just say it with me! “You all need Jesus...”

Neal (interrupts) Ben. I don’t think this is what is meant by exemplifying Christ.

Ben: Oh no, I’ve messed it up again, huh?

Neal: Not exactly. You are right in saying that we need to tell others about Jesus, that is important.

Ben: Good, then I didn’t mess up?

Neal: Well there is a better way to exemplify Christ. It is by acting like him.

Ben: Ok, I can do this, let me think, (pause), ok, uh, (pauses) maybe I can’t do this? Ok, how do I do this? I’m not perfect, and he is.

Neal: You are right, but Jesus set an example of how we were to treat others and he also just flat out told us. Remember He said that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Ben: yea, so I should treat others like I want to be treated.

Neal: Exactly. You know what else you can do?

Ben: Wait I know, let me think. I can be a servant.

Neal: (in astonishment) Yes? How did you know that was what I was going to say?

Ben: I memorized your script too. No, seriously, I read my quiet time this morning and it talked about how Jesus was a servant. You know what he did?

Neal: Tell me.

Ben: He got down on the ground and went around and washed all of his disciple's feet. That had to be pretty gross! Don't you think?

Neal: Probably so, because everywhere they went in those times, they walked, so I imagine their feet were extremely dirty. So what can you learn by Jesus' example?

Ben: That I need to go and wash someone else's feet!

Neal: Well you could do that, but Jesus did that then because it was something that a servant did, so let's modernize it by doing something that a servant might do today?

Ben: Like, uh, take someone else's tray today after they are finished eating?

Neal: That would be a good start. You could also find someone that is by themselves this week; you know someone who came to camp and doesn't have any friends here with him, and make him feel welcomed. But the best thing you can do is to look around and ask yourself, "What would Jesus do if he was here?"

Ben: (pauses to think about what Neal has said) I'm going to do it, I'm going to ask myself throughout the day what Jesus would do in every situation I'm in. Neal lets go to the (the next activity) now!

Neal: Ok, Ben, but first will you change out of that ridiculous out fit?

(Light goes down as they exit)

X-Ceeding your Limits

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(lights come up, and Ben is sitting in a chair looking depressed, Neal enters)

Neal: Ben, you are just sitting there, are you ok. Everyday this week when I've walked by, you have been acting stupid, I mean interpreting the day's focus, in should I say, a different way. Why aren't you doing that today?

Ben: Because I don't know what to do.

Neal: Well today's focus is exceeding our limits, right?

Ben: Yes, but how do I exceed my limits? My quiet time talked about Moses and how he didn't want to be used by God, but I *want* to be used by God, but I don't think he can.

Neal: Why not?

Ben: I just don't think I have anything to offer for God to use.

Neal: Ben, let me read you something about some of the people that were written about. (Neal reads "Why God can't use you.")

Ben: Wow (said humbly), if God can use some of those people with everything that was wrong in their life, then maybe he can use me. But how?

Neal: God is always working around us Ben. By being extreme in our daily spiritual lives, we will begin to see where God is working around us, and join him in his work. Like for the Seniors here at camp, they will have an opportunity to lead their school this year. Will they lead it for themselves, or for God?

Ben: Yea, I see what you are saying, and for the 8th Graders, it is the same thing. But what about those that are not in the “leadership” positions in their school.

Neal: that is just it Ben, you don't have to be in a leadership position to make a difference. You just need to be willing to be used by God, and He will make a difference.

Ben: Yea, you are right! I am going to start making a difference, starting today! I don't want to wait for school to start! Yea! (Ben jumps up and starts to run off, then stops and turns around and says) Neal, aren't you coming?

Neal: Yea, lets Go!

(both exit, the lights go down)

Last Day, Closing

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Ben: (sitting)

Neal: (walks by) Ben, what are you doing?

Ben: Just thinking about the week.

Neal: (sits down) What about the week?

Ben: Just what I learned.

Neal: Well, what did you learn?

Ben: I learned first, that I need to examine myself every day to see what God wants to teach me.

Neal: And?

Ben: That exercising my faith, by having a quiet time everyday is the easy way to grow as a Christian.

Neal: What else?

Ben: That one of the best ways I can witness to others is by my lifestyle, and I should look around everyday and ask myself, "What would Jesus do?"

Neal: Anything else?

Ben: Yes, if I want to exceed my limits, I need to be willing to be used by God in anyway. I need to ask him what he wants me to do with my life.

Neal: Sounds like you have learned a lot this week. Was this week more extreme than you ever thought it would be?

Ben: Yes it was, now I can't wait to go back and start practicing what I learned!

Neal: Ben, there is just one thing I think you have forgotten this week.

Ben: What is that?

Neal: The babes, girls, and women! What about them?

Ben: There is always the trip home, Neal!

(get up and exit stage)

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