

**Message:** Making Much of Jesus

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-10, John 3:27-30

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John 3:27-30 (NKJV)

*27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven."<sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'<sup>29</sup> He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.<sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.*

**THE BIG IDEA:**

I am called to make much of Jesus! When I do, I am aligned with the message of the Gospel and the purpose of the universe. This is what biblical Christianity is all about. This alone will satisfy my heart.

1. The Father makes much of Jesus.
2. The Spirit makes much of Jesus.
3. I am to make much of Jesus.

II Corinthians 4:5-10

*5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*

*6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.*

*7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

*8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;*

*9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

*10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

What does this look like in practical terms?

1. Focus on Jesus in repentance.
2. Make Jesus the hero of your obedience.
3. Choose Jesus as the object of your highest affection and praise.