

SERMON BASED STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

- Outside of your family, who is the person in your life that influenced you the most?
 - What were some tangible ways in which they influenced you?
- Tell us of a time when you used your influence for the betterment of another person.
 - Why did you do it?
 - How did you feel?
 - What was the response?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read 2 Corinthians 10:13-18

- What does Paul teach us to boast about?
 - Who gave Paul influence?
 - Who gives us influence?
- As you read this passage, you see that God has given us influence. Have you ever thought about *influence* as a gift from God?
 - What happens when we don't see influence as a gift?
- As you read the text, what connections do you see between the influence God gives us and the advancement of the gospel?

APPLICATION

- In relation to this text, what are some false ways that you have been boasting?
- The word *influence* in the text means “fixed space” or “one’s sphere of activity” or “one’s space of assignment.” What’s a specific space God has assigned to you?
 - Think specifically about the categories Chris provided: relationally, professionally, geographically, and your holy discontent.