

WHY YOU NEED A PASTOR

Jesus.
servant of this gospel by
grace given me through
his power. ⁸Although I am
least of all God's people,
given me: to preach to the
unsearchable riches of
make plain to everyone
on of this mystery, which
s kept hidden in God, who
gs. ¹⁰His intent was that
ne church, the manifold
should be made known to
thorities in the heavenly
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r God with freedom
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raged because of my suf-
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⁷But to each one of us grace has been
given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is
why it^a says:
"When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men."^c
⁹(What does "he ascended" mean except
that he also descended to the lower,
earthly regions?^d ¹⁰He who descended is
the very one who ascended higher than all
the heavens, in order to fill the whole uni-
verse.) ¹¹It was he who gave some to be
apostles, some to be prophets, some to be
evangelists, and some to be pastors and
teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for
works of service, so that the body of
Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach
unity in the faith and in the knowledge of
the Son of God and become mature, at-
taining to the whole measure of the full-
ness of Christ.
¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants,
swept back and forth by the waves, and
blown here and there by every wind of

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YOU NEED A PASTOR BECAUSE YOU AND YOUR PASTOR ARE A LOT ALIKE!

Part 2

2 Corinthians 11:26-27 — I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

2 Corinthians 11:28-30 — Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

You and your Pastor are a lot alike because, "Empowerment starts with me!"

Luke 9:10-14 — When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, ¹¹ but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

¹² Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

¹³ He replied, "You give them something to eat."

They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd."

¹⁴ (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

You're a whole lot like your Pastor because, "We don't talk behind each other's backs!"

Isaiah 52:7 — How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

John 18:33-34 — Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

You're a lot like your Pastor because, "You and I are one of them!"

1st

WE'RE GONNA WIN!

2nd

WE GO ONE, WE GO ALL!

John 15:15-17 — I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷ This is my command: *Love each other.*