

Magnify God, not the Problem – Pastor Vince Taghan

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:1-3

What does boast mean? Could we say it means to brag? Is it alright to brag? Yes, if you're bragging on the Lord. If you look at these three words; boast, magnify, and exalt, there all synonymous thoughts, similar, aren't they. I'm going to talk to you today about magnifying the Lord, bragging on him.

Have you ever heard a bragger? What does he or she do? They brag on themselves, not on others, they brag about what they can do, what they anything that makes them looked good. For example you might have heard something like this , *Did you hear so-so caught five fish today, then the other person will say five fish, five fish , I caught that many on my lunch break before, five fish that's nothing.* What are they doing? Well, first there belittling the other and blowing up what they did, magnifying themselves over the other.

How many of you know what magnify means? It means to make bigger, Webster's def.-exaggerate; make greater increase the apparent size, as with a lens; praise. Scholastic Dictionary of American English states it like this - to exaggerate, make seem greater than what is true, to magnify the difficulties of an undertaking as an excuse not to act.

When you magnify something with a magnifying glass the actual thing being magnified isn't any bigger, per say, but your perspective of it changes. Perspective changes when something is magnified. Now God is big, yes? And he isn't going to get any bigger than he already is, but he can get much bigger to you. You can get a bigger perspective of who he is, what he can do, if you magnify him. So you need to brag on him, brag on the Lord! Tell about what he's done ;tell about what he's done for others; tell about what he's done in the past; tell about he's done for you, what he's going to do! Brag on him! You need to say, I've got the greatest god that ever has been and ever will be! There's no God beside him; no one can compare to him; no one can compare to his love; mercy; grace; nobody can touch his power, and he's are father, Amen? And it's perfectly alright to brag on him.... all day long! Is that not what the psalmist is saying?

When you read psalm 34, it says my soul, how many of you know you can get your feelings involved in this. And you know the enemy doesn't want you to do that. You know what the enemy wants you to do? Besides not magnifying God, he wants you to magnify him, that's what he desires. And I'm not talking about you saying, Oh how great is the devil! No, he's not going to get that out of a Christian exactly, but awful close to it. But if he can get people bragging about how bad his works are, and then he's got them boasting in him. If he can get people magnifying his works; magnifying his devices that he's working against there life; magnifying the problem, the sickness or disease, the debt, the mistakes that were made, then he's got people magnifying him! And if you're magnifying him you're not magnifying the Lord, you can't be doing both at the same time.

But if you're magnifying him that's doubt, that's fear, and it's a real problem that Christians magnify the devil's works, there continually magnifying the enemy. And

people get into bragging bouts about who's got the worst problems, probably not any of you! You might have heard someone talk like this, *Man let me tell you what's going on with me, you talk about problems, oh man, were not talking little problems, were talking big problems*, then someone else will say, *You think you got problems, let me tell you about some serious problems, you think you've got problems, this is a problem, were talking mega monster problems*. What are people doing? Magnifying, not God!

Magnifying the problem; magnifying the enemy; and the enemy's works. And the enemy loves it when people go around magnifying him. It's like this , *Did you hear about the manifestation , so-so had a spirit, and so-so said this and did that*, and the devil says, tell it again, tell it again....tell what I said, *oh it was spooky and scary*, and the devil goes that's right, tell it again, tell them. It's like, you know somebody fell and made a mistake and the devil was successful in one of his temptations you see. And so somebody says *did you hear what so-so did? Oh no! Dear God I can't believe they did something like that*. And the devil says yeah, tell it again, tell how I was successful, tell how I was supreme, they listened to my lies, they did what I suggested, I won the battle, tell it, tell it every where you go, get on the phone tell all your friends, tell every body you know, magnify me! How many of you know we ought not to give the devil any glory, Amen!