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**“Do You Want to do Something Great?”**

- What do you have to boast about?
  - What is “greatness?”
    - 1 Cor 1:17f – the greatness of the cross is not great to the world
    - 1 Cor 1:26-31 – if we’re going to boast, it must be in the Lord
      - “Boast” is used in a good way and bad way; the word does not always have a negative meaning, it depends on its context (cf Gal 6:13f; John 5:44)
      - James 4:16 – negative boasting
      - James 1:9 – positive boasting
    - There is reason to boast about one who is acting Christ-like – that is trying to achieve greatness (as the Philippians did with Paul)
  - Have you done something “great?”
    - Yes. You have sinned.
  - Have you done something “great” and good?
    - The faithful’s names will be in the book of life
    - Luke 15:7, 10 – there is joy in Heaven when one repents
      - We can boast in our forgiveness, that God is merciful
    - Matt 10:32f – there will be “greatness” in either case, but there is a positive and negative greatness
      - It’s not about you, it will all be about God