

# Lessons from a Brazilian Prison

Series: Overwhelmed by God

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**Scripture:** 1 Cor. 6:9-11

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## Creating Interest

Have you ever been overwhelmed by God? Describe that time to the group.

## Outline

1. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. How does it affect how we should expect God to be at work in our lives? Do we have low expectations of our spiritual lives?

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21*

2. Read 1 Cor. 6:9-11. Sometimes it's easy to judge people who have done things we view as really evil. Have you ever thought about how far God has brought you? What is the real difference in the people described by this list and us? Romans 3:23 says, "the wages of sin is death".
3. Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...". Would a view of our life reveal that we are proud or ashamed of the gospel? What keeps us from being proud to share God's story with others? What can we do to be more obedient in this area of our lives?
4. The Holy Spirit has power to change lives. Whose life have you witnessed the most change in? How about you? Can you name differences in your life because of the Holy Spirit's work?
5. We don't actually have to own a lot to be generous. How do you think God views our giving and our generosity? What prevents us from being more generous?

## Close

What have you heard today that has most challenged your life? What do you believe it is that God would like to be different in your life this week? What will you do?