

## **Rescuing Ambition**

### **A Summary of Chapter 7 (Ambition's Contentment) with Discussion Questions**

Discontentment is when our desires go unfulfilled and disappointment begins to define us. Contentment means being satisfied and at peace with God's will in all situations.

- What questions do we ask ourselves to examine our heart for discontentment?
- What questions do we ask ourselves to examine our heart for true contentment?

Sometimes God's care means he doesn't fulfill our desires.

- How do we know if it's God saying "no"?
- How do we respond to unfilled desired when we know or don't know?

"Hunger for more" and "be happy where you are" sounds like a paradox to me.

- Are you comfortable with this paradox? Or do you struggle with this?

The key to contentment is having God-focused (not me-focused) dreams and desires.

- Why is God-focusedness so important?

Sometimes all our ambitions are satisfied. Dreams are coming alive and life is good. But sometimes all our ambitions are starved.

- Describe a time in your life when your ambitions were satisfied and a time when they were starved.

Satisfied ambitions are times of great blessing, which bring unexpected temptation.

- Like what?

One telltale sign of godliness in our ambitions is how easily we transfer honor to God, recognizing him as the source and power of our performance.

- How do we do this? When? Publically? Privately?

During times of starved ambitions when our dreams are laid aside we should say, "God, I bless you for this."

- To do this, what must we remember? What must we be trusting in? Where must our heart be?

If we have not what we desire, we have more than we deserve.

- What does this mean?

To learn contentment: 1) Ponder the truth of the gospel.

- Which aspects?

2) Memorize Scripture.

- Suggestions for verses or chapters?
- Want to memorize Ps 16:7-9 together?

3) Thank God privately and publically for the daily, easily overlooked blessings of your life.

- Praise time!

4) Confess your sins and weaknesses and invite the input of others into your life.

- Do you have someone doing this? If not, how do you find someone?
- Is your ABF doing this together?