

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Arrogance

Show the Muhammad Ali Speech. Stop the clip just before the end at the 1:40 mark.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What do you think of Ali's boasts in this clip? Why did he say such things about himself?
- Do you think it is wrong to tell everyone else how good you are at something? Why or why not? What could you gain or lose by doing this?
- Can you think of a situation where it might be important to boast about your accomplishments?

✔ Boasts

Read Philippians 3:4-14.

- How would you compare what Paul and Ali say about themselves? What point was each trying to make about their accomplishments?
- Why would Paul say that his accomplishments are meaningless? How were they important to his audience?
- What do you think is Paul's message in this text? What can be gained or lost by following all the religious law?

Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

✔ Righteousness

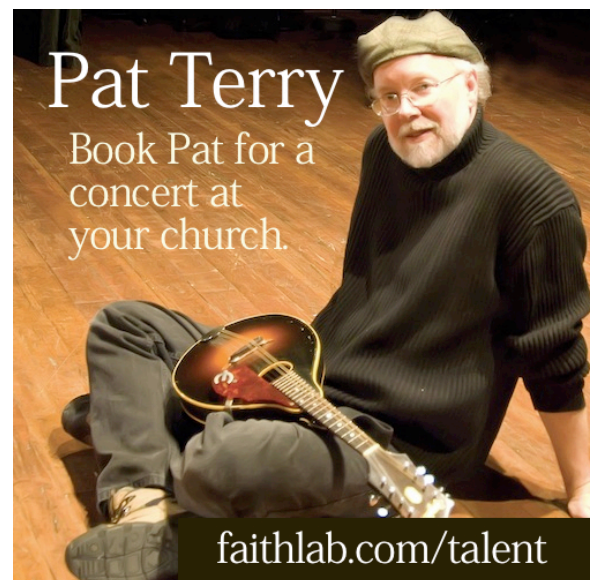
Play the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2" movie clip.

- Do you want your parents to have high or low expectations of you? Why?
- What does it mean if someone has low expectations of you? What does it mean if you have low expectations of someone else?
- What do you expect from your Christian friends at school; how should they act, talk, etc.?
- Do you think God wants us to require certain behavior from our Christians friends? Why or why not?
- What is the difference between requiring certain behavior and correcting sinful behavior?

✔ Relationships

- Tell us your spiritual resume (the religious things you do)? Are those good or bad? Why?
- Do you think that someone who does all those things could be an enemy of Christ? Why or why not?
- What do you think God wants from you?
- Should we live our lives as righteous as possible, or focusing on our relationship with God? Explain. How and why are both of these important?

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