

A Man Caught Up to Heaven

2nd Corinthians 12:1-6

(series #35)

Introduction: the popularity of near death experiences

I. Paul's Reluctance to Boast v. 1

- A. The uniqueness of the Apostles
- B. The abundance of Paul's visions & revelations
 - 1. 1st Cor. 11; Eph. 3:3; Gal. 1:11-12
 - 2. Acts 9, 16, 18, 22, 23, 27

II. Paul's Description of His Vision vv. 2-4

- A. He uses the 3rd person
- B. He was caught up to the 3rd heaven
- C. He didn't know if he was in or out of the body
- D. He heard things that no one is permitted to tell

III. Paul's Downplaying of His Experience vv. 5-6

- A. He boasted in his infirmities
- B. He desired to be known by his words/character

Conclusion: Paul's motivation was his love for the church