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“Hope-Filled Living”

Summary of Chosen

1 Peter 2:9-10

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‘Stop looking at yourself in carnival mirrors,’ Paul Tripp warns us in his book *Dangerous Calling*. Carnival mirrors give us a distortion of who we really are, and they’re everywhere we look. Here is where you see something that is a normal human struggle. The normal human struggle is to look for identity horizontally when I was hardwired by God to get it vertically. I look for something in creation to define who I am, whether that is a marriage or my work or my athletic body or whatever that is. And success in an area powerfully provides that: *I am a successful person*. This can provide a sense of identity that is marvelously distorted. I am not something because I am successful — I am something because I am in Christ. Bottom line. And when I need achievements or accolades or things to be something, I have forsaken the gospel in the way that I am living.

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