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AND REAL HOPE IN A GRAY WORLD

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**Episode #8**

**The Human Condition - We're Only Human - Comparison**

*2 Corinthians 10:12*

*"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise."*

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Do you compare yourselves to others? Why or why not?
- 2) How does comparing to others make you feel?
- 3) Why do you think it is so hard not to compare?

### Extended Devotion:

Running around the track, I could feel all eyes on me. I was the slowest one. I chose the 440 yard dash thinking I could pace myself, but as people zoomed past me, I could not help but feel less than. Looking back, I smile at the younger Denise. Well done! You did not sit on the side lines! You participated. And. You. Finished. A much different perspective has occurred as gray hairs peek through the highlights in my hair. Our achievements are not for our glory, but His alone. Our efforts are for an audience of one. While it might seem futile to continue to try to accomplish things in this world, just being faithful to God is the greatest accomplishment of all. Rather than comparing to others in all we seek to do, we can spur others on and have a kingdom mentality that cheers everyone on as we run our laps around the proverbial race track of life.

There is no one like you, friend. You are unique and a treasure to our Almighty God. He has a distinct singular purpose just for you. Don't waste your energy worrying about what he has called others to do. Go and do what He has purposed in your heart – and do it well. He is worthy of our very best and will enable us to do so!

*Galatians 6:4*

*“But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.”*

### Takeaway:

We weren't called to be like anyone else except to be like our Savior Jesus. Even in this goal, we will fall short. But falling short puts us in a place to have a need filled by our great God and He is well able and willing to meet us in our shortcomings.