

**Abundant Life Church**  
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Series: ***Caught in the Undertow***  
Title: ***Waves of Comparison***

Social media has brought an extended adolescence

Comparison is locked into many people's hearts.

Accomplishments of Facebook friends

- Leaving today to help with the Ebola crisis
- My daughter just got the academic scholarship and she will be attending Harvard

How often do you walk down comparison road?

Desired FB Button Choices:

1. Why You
2. Unfair

How many of you really want to grow spiritually and know that God is walking through life with you?

2 Corinthians 10:12 (CSB)

For we don't dare classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. But in measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves to themselves, they lack understanding.

When we compare ourselves to others we lack understanding!

How should we measure ourselves as Christians?

2 Corinthians 10:13

We, however, will not boast beyond measure but according to the measure of the area of ministry that God has assigned to us, which reaches even to you.

Measure #1: Do you know he has made you uniquely with a unique work in mind that only you can do?

God measures us by how we live a *sent* life.

On Judgment Day, God will not compare you with anyone else.

Measure #2: Do you know God expects you to bear an enormous amount of fruit in your life?

Measure #3: How much effort have you exerted to find the unique work God has given for you to do?

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We discover our unique purpose by:

1. Spending time with the Lord through prayer and His Word
2. Keeping in step with the Spirit
3. Being with other believers

Tenth Avenue North song: *Control*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFfztu8-bBQ>

Beginning of song

1. Somehow you want me
2. God you don't need me
3. But somehow you want me

Middle of Song

1. Oh how you love me
2. Somehow that frees me
3. To take my hands off my life and the way it should go

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You should feel expectation -- God is at work in your life.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.