



Brown CG Zoom Session

Better Together: Humility

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I. Starter Questions:

What role does our Humility play in our ability to obey God's commandments? Without Humility to God is it even possible? When we look further into our "humility", is it possible to show Humility toward God but not also exhibit humility to other people?

II. Discussion of Scripture:

This week we are going to discuss pride and humility. First, we will look at it in light of our relationship with God. Then we will examine it in our relationship with each other. With pride at the core of original sin, we will find that humility is at the core of a right relationship with God and our neighbor.

Humility in our Relationship with God

Psalm 51:17

¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Proverbs 1:7

¹ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 3:7-8

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.

Romans 12:3

³ For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Proverbs 1:7

²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no man may boast before God. ³⁰ But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

James 4:6-10

⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Group Questions:

1. What do these passages say about our attitude necessary to show humility to God?
2. How does pride come into play as we wrestle with our "Humility" to God?
3. What are the keys to being able to show Humility towards God? What has been some keys to you in your life to be able to live this life of serving
4. Where does humility to God show up for you?
5. What does humility look like in relation to our time, talent and resources towards God?

Humility in relation to one another

Matthew 20:25-28

²⁵But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ²⁶It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Romans 12:10

¹² Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Ephesians 4:1-3

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 Peter 5:5-7

⁵ You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Group Questions:

1. Using the scriptures above, You might think it would be easier to show humility to a Great and Mighty God, but how do we show humility towards other people?

2. How does humility to others show up in our a) opinions, b) judgements and c) those with different views?
3. Does this humility to others equally apply to unbelievers? What about those that do not believe the same as us?
4. Describe how Jesus was the perfect example of humility?

III. Responding in Prayer:

In Romans 3:10-18, It is a humbling revelation when God opens our eyes to our own pride. The problem is with our flesh. No matter how hard we try on our own we cannot shake it. Pride repeatedly rears its head. Just when we think we have it eradicated it shows up again. Daily we must plead with the Holy Spirit to empower us to live in selfless love with regard to Him and others. Let's close out our time today in prayer to this end. That corporately as a church and individually as members of the body of Christ we would seek to glorify God and love our neighbor as ourselves.