

Humility and the Story of God

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Pride

1. Pride in our hearts is like leaven inside of bread dough. Even just a small amount affects the entire lump of dough.
2. In the Bible, we can see pride very early on in the story of humanity. Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3), responding in pride by rejecting God's wisdom, will, and Word, thinking they knew better than Him.
3. God is committed to _____ the pride of man. If we insist on our way, our best, our fame, our glory, our best interest, the living God of the universe will work against us in direct opposition. Our pride puts us in this dreadful position.

“God opposes the proud,” (James 4:6)

“The haughty looks of man shall be brought low, and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low” (Isaiah 2:11–12)

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 14:11)

Humility

1. Humility really is an issue of _____.

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

“whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

2. The reason why we must forgive, walk in humility, patience, and compassion is because that is what the Lord has done with us (Colossians 3:12-13).
3. Humility is a _____, not a _____.
4. When we see more clearly who Jesus is and what He has done, Paul says we will “_____ for God” (Galatians 5:22-24; Romans 7:4) – we will have a desire to walk and live in humility like Jesus did as a witness to who He is.

Philippians 2 and the story of God

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3–4)

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,” (Philippians 2:5–6)

“did not count equality with God as something to be used to his own advantage,” (Philippians 2:6)

“but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” (Philippians 2:7; cf. John 1:10-11)

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8; cf. Isaiah 52:14; 53:2–3)

“Therefore God has highly exalted him” (Philippians 2:9; cf. Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52, 53; Ephesians 1:20-21, 4:10; Acts 2:33, 3:13, 5:30-32; Hebrews 1:3, 7:26, 8:1-2)

“and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11; cf. Isaiah 45:21-23)