

EMMANUEL NOTES

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Week 2 - Let Go of Pride

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Sin changes the quality of the relationship.

The Sin of Pride.

- “Pride is the greatest disturber of the soul’s peace and sweet communion with Christ.”
- Jonathan Edwards
- “Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness...are mere flea-bites in comparison; it was through pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.” - C.S. Lewis

Pride defined:

Pride is thinking more of yourself than you ought.

The bad news:

- “God opposes the proud...” - 1 Peter 5:5
- *But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.* - 2 Chronicles 26:16
- “Pride goes before destruction...” - Proverbs 16:18
- *Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.* - Proverbs 16:5

WEEKEND SERVICE NOTES

Why does pride cause us to get stuck?

1. A proud person cannot live in a dependent relationship with God.
 - Pride is when sinful human beings aspire to the status and position of God and refuse to acknowledge their dependence on Him.
- CJ Mahaney
 - “...apart from Me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5
2. A proud person cannot allow Jesus to be honored through their life.
 - *...it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.* - Philippians 1:20

What do we do?

We must let go of pride and replace it with humility.

- “Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” - 1 Peter 5:5
- *But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.* - Isaiah 66:2

How do you do it?

The surest way to humility is to contemplate the cross.

“All of us have inflated views of ourselves...until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.” - John Stott