

life **TOGETHER**

SERMON NOTES

The Way Up Is Down

Life Together – Part 7

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Intro: Why is humility so hard? It is a competitive world.

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If you want to be _____ in God's kingdom, learn to be the servant of all. Song by Michael Ryan ©1974

Micah 6:8 NKJV - "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

John 13:14-15 - "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Note: The last few days, disciples John and James wanted position and power.

C.S. Lewis considered pride to be the "biggest dragon."

1. Recognize That Everything Comes From God

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 NIV - "Praise be to You, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name."

1 Samuel 17:47 NIV - "When facing the giant Goliath, David said, "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the

Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands."

James 4:10 NKJV - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up."

2. Remember: Pride Is the Biggest Problem

Lust—Greed—Pride

Proverbs 6:16-19 NKJV - "These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren."

7 Deadly Sins

*1 Peter 5:5-6 – "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the **humble**.' [Prov 3:34] **Humble** yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time."*

3. Resolve to Be Better

*Philippians 2:3-4 NIV - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility** value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

Romans 12:10 NIV - "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Application

Ephesians 5:20-21 NIV - "...Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

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