

Gospel Culture: Get HUMBLE

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Genuine GOSPEL [GOOD NEWS of JESUS] EXPERIENCE: Philippians 2:1

MUST LEAD to transformed GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS characterized by...

- 1) **RADICAL UNITY:** Philip. 2:2 See: 1:27; Acts 4:32-37; Romans 15:5-6
- 2) **EXCEPTIONAL SELFLESSNESS:** Philippians 2:3a, 4. See also: Acts 2:42-47; Romans 15:1-3
- **Our Gospel EXPERIENCE (Faith in GOSPEL DOCTRINE and resulting REPENTANCE) leads to a new GOSPEL IDENTITY that overflows in both GOSPEL FLUENCY and GOSPEL CULTURE**
- **GOSPEL CULTURE = Gospel SHAPED and TRANSFORMED attitudes, values, goals, and practices SHARED by Jesus followers**

GOSPEL OPPONENT – TOO often, WE DON'T have these kinds of Gospel relationships because we are PRIDEFUL: Philippians 2:3ab. See also: Romans 12:16

- 1) **Pride is SIN:** Proverbs 21:4
- 2) **Pride KEEPS US from seeking God:** Psalm 10:4
- 3) **Pride helps us BUILD FALSE IDENTITIES:** Proverbs 21:24
- 4) **Pride DECEIVES us into believing WE'RE IN CONTROL:** Obadiah 1:3
- 5) **Pride COMES FROM...**
 - a) **Our FLESH (SELF):** Mark 7:21–23. See also: 2 Timothy 3:1-2
 - b) **Our MISPLACED FAITH in our own abilities, beauty, strength, skills, timelessness, significance, glory, etc:** Ezekiel 28:17a; 1 Corinthians 4:7b. See also: John 3:27; James 1:17
 - c) **The WORLD:** 1 John 2:16
 - d) **SATAN:** Genesis 3:4–5. See also: John 8:44; James 3:14-16; Ezekiel 28:11-19
- 6) **God HATES Human PRIDE:** Proverbs 16:5. See also: Proverbs 6:16-17a; Luke 16:15
- 7) **God IS OPPOSED to PRIDE:** James 4:6b
 - a) **He HUMBLER the prideful (sometimes as an act of great mercy):** Luke 14:11a; Daniel 4:37. See also: Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Proverbs 11:2, 29:23
 - b) **He PUNISHES unrepentant prideful people:** Malachi 4:1 See also: Psalms 18:27, 31:23, 101:5; Proverbs 18:12

GOSPEL SECRET – the ANTIDOTE to pride is INTENTIONAL HUMILITY:

- 1) **Humility is a CHOSEN MINDSET:** Philippians 2:5
 - a) **A CHOICE:** Colossians 3:12. See also: Zephaniah 2:3; Eph. 4:1-3
 - b) **Towards GOD:** Philippians 2:6; Micah 6:8
 - c) **Towards OTHERS:** Philippians 2:3c; 1 Peter 5:5; 1 Cor. 13:4
- 2) **Humility REVEALS itself in ACTS of SELF-SACRIFICE:** Philip. 2:7-8; John 13:3-5, 14-15. See also: Zechariah 9:9
- 3) **God EXALTS (lifts up, restores, places in right significance) the HUMBLE:** James 4:10. See also: Proverbs 11:2, 18:12, 29:23; Matthew 18:4, 23:12; Luke 14:11, 18:14
 - a) **SITUATIONAL PEACE (Worry is a form of PRIDE):** 1 Peter 5:6–7. See also: Isaiah 57:15; Matt. 6:25-34, 10:28-33; Philippians 4:5-7
 - b) **TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY:** 2 Chronicles 7:14
 - c) **SAVING GRACE:** 1 Peter 5:5c. Cited from Proverbs 3:34 (Greek) See also: Psalm 18:27, 149:4; James 4:6.
 - d) **DIVINE GLORY:** Philippians 2:9–11; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Use these “Gospel In Life” questions this week

to help you and your friends REFLECT on and APPLY this message!

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 6:37-42