

# The Understated - Your Story 4

## Your Story – Written in His Blood, Told by Your Words

*“And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.”*

—Revelation 12:11 (NLT)

## The Understated

### Humility — The Perspective That Keeps the Story His

When pride takes the pen, the story is ours.  
When humility holds the pen, the story is His.

## Whose Story Are You Telling?

Adam and Eve had the perfect setup: God’s dream for them, His Spirit in them, His blessing over them, their purpose clear, and their authority secure. But Satan didn’t come with a sword. He came with a shift in perspective: **“Did God really say...?”**

They traded God’s story for their own. And ever since, humanity has battled with the same temptation: **Whose story will I tell? His, or mine?**

Humility is not weakness — it’s the lens that keeps the story His.

## 1. When Life Gets Hard — Perspective Matters

*“Everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.”*

*—Philippians 1:12 (NLT)*

Pride response: “I’ll fix this myself. I don’t need God.”

False humility response: “Woe is me. I’ll never get it right.”

Humility response: “Now what? God, how will You use this?”

Your pain can become your platform when humility sets your perspective.

**When you step back, God steps forward.**

## 2. The Mind of Christ — Humility Reframes the Story

*“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had...”*

*—Philippians 2:5–7 (NLT)*

Pride promotes self.

Humility abandons self.

**Jesus chose servanthood over self-promotion.**

Your story is loudest when it's not about you.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself — it's thinking of yourself less.

### **3. The Fruit of Pride — Blame, Shame, Condemnation**

*“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”*

—2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

Loud pride: “I’ve got this.”

Quiet pride: “I’ll never be enough.”

Both put **me** at the center.

Pride fogs the mirror. Humility clears it so Christ can shine.

**Blame, shame, and condemnation are the fruits of pride. Grace is the fruit of humility.**

### **4. The Power of an Understated Life**

*“We ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.”*

—2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

The jar isn't the focus — the treasure inside is.

My cracks don't disqualify me — they reveal His glory.

What you're hiding may be what God wants to use.

**The cracks in your story don't disqualify you — they reveal His glory.**

## **Conclusion**

Humility isn't weakness. It's perspective.

False humility isn't humility at all — it's pride in disguise.

Humility keeps the pen in God's hand.

Stop telling a small story with your pride. Start telling His great story with your humility. Because your testimony isn't about your ability — it's about His victory.

## **Faith Declarations (HUMILITY)**

1. I choose humility as the lens of my story.
2. I refuse to let pride — whether loud or quiet — distort my testimony.
3. My weakness is the very place His strength is revealed.
4. His story will always be greater than mine.

## **Practical Steps (HUMILITY)**

1. Replace "Why me?" with "Now what, Lord?"
2. Each morning, pray: "Lord, let me reflect You more than I promote me."

3. Identify one area where pride has written your story. Surrender it to God.
4. Put one person before yourself this week — celebrate their win, give without being noticed.
5. Share one weakness as a testimony of God's strength.

## **Series Conclusion**

**Week 1:** The Power of Your Past — Your past is not wasted, it's redeemed.

**Week 2:** There Can Be No Doubt — Faith doesn't erase questions; it refuses to let them replace trust.

**Week 3:** The Undoing — Jesus restored identity, blessing, authority, and purpose.

**Week 4:** The Understated — Humility ensures the story is always His, not ours.

**“By His blood and your testimony — you overcome.”**

## **Final Faith Declarations**

1. By the blood of Jesus, my story is redeemed.
2. My past is not wasted — it is a testimony of grace.
3. I will not let questions replace trust — my faith is anchored in Him.
4. I refuse to live under blame, shame, or condemnation — I walk in identity, blessing, authority, and purpose.
5. I choose humility as the lens of my story.

6. My weakness is where His strength shines through.
7. This is not my story — this is His story through me.
8. By His blood and my testimony, I overcome.