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Key Observation: It's a pride that shuts YOU in, and it shuts GOD and OTHERS out.

Tension: There is no amount of being "KNOWN" that will SATISFY your desire to be known for the thing you have determined that you want to be known for.

Key Truth: Being 'known' is a hunger. And we are constantly on a search for more recognition, in the one or two areas that we've decided are important to us. And these areas are where our sense of WORTH and SELF-ESTEEM rest.

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Mark 1:4-5 (TNIV)

"15 John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" John 1:15 (TNIV)

"19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Messiah.' 21 They asked him, 'Then who are you? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' 22 Finally they said, 'Who are you? What do you say about yourself?' 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' 24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent, 25 questioned him, 'Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?' 26 'I baptize with water,' John replied, 'but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'" John 1:19-27 (TNIV)

"29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29 (TNIV)

"35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look the Lamb of God!' 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus." John 1:35-37 (TNIV)

"26 They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look he is baptizing and everyone is going to him.' 27 To this John replied, 'A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 30 He must become greater; I must become less. 31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.'" John 3:26-28, 30-31 (TNIV)

BOTTOM LINE: To survive your desire for being known, is to remember who it's FROM and who it's FOR.