



Humble Confidence

Date: July 12, 2026

Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:3–5

Share about a time when you either:

- Struggled with confidence and doubted yourself, or became overconfident and learned a humbling lesson.
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Recap

This week we learned that followers of Jesus don't have to choose between humility and confidence. Jesus modeled both perfectly.

Biblical confidence is not confidence in ourselves—it is complete trust in God and confidence in who He says we are.

Biblical humility is not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less as we use our gifts to glorify Christ.

The goal isn't insecurity or arrogance. The goal is **humble confidence**.

Read Together

- 2 Corinthians 3:3–5
- Philippians 2:5–11



- Matthew 3:16–17
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Discussion Questions

Where does your confidence naturally come from?

When life is going well, what are you most tempted to place your confidence in?

- Your abilities?
- Your career?
- Your personality?
- Your accomplishments?
- God's faithfulness?

How can you intentionally place more confidence in Christ this week?

Jesus' confidence came from His identity as the Father's beloved Son.

Read Matthew 3:16–17.

How would your daily life change if you truly believed God delights in you as His son or daughter?

What lies or insecurities make it difficult to believe this?

The sermon said humility is not:



- Hiding your gifts
- Self-hatred
- Weakness

Which of those misconceptions have you struggled with most?

Why?

Comparison can lead us in two unhealthy directions:

- Pride ("I'm better.")
- Shame ("I'm not enough.")

How has comparison affected your relationship with God or others?

What would it look like to compare yourself only to God's greatness instead of other people?

God has uniquely gifted every believer.

What gifts, talents, or experiences has God given you?

How can you use those gifts to point people toward Jesus instead of yourself?

Pastor Brent shared John Maxwell's illustration about the donkey carrying Jesus into Jerusalem.

What does it practically look like to be "the donkey"—faithfully carrying Jesus while making sure He receives the glory?