THE PRIDE OF LIFE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-10

1. TRUE HUMILITY BEGINS WITH SELF-SURRENDER TO CHRIST!

Philippians 2:5-7 5
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Humility begins when "What do I want?" gives way to "Lord, what would You have me do?"

Jesus surrendered His privileges to serve our needs.

How does the enemy attack our humility?

Just like Lucifer!
"Offenses must come"
Luke 17:1, Matthew 18:7

Offenses are not a sign that God has abandoned you, but a test of spiritual posture of self-surrender.



Every offense presents a choice: Will I feed my pride, or follow my Savior?

2. TRUE HUMILITY SUBMITS TO THE FATHER

Philippians 2:8
He (Christ) humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death—
even to death on a cross.

The depth of our surrender becomes visible when obedience begins to cost us something.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in The Cost of Discipleship, warns against a grace that leaves us untouched-a Christianity without surrender, obedience, or a cross. Following Jesus may cost us comfort, approval, relationships-even our lives. Humility bows before the Father and says, "My life belongs to You." We cannot follow a crucified Savior and make comfort the condition of our obedience!

Bonhoeffer said, "It (Salvation) is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

3. HUMILITY ENDS IN EXHALATION

Philippians 2:8-10

The cross reveals how far the humility of Jesus was willing to go— and His exaltation reveals that the Father's purpose did not end at the cross.

What will your humility end in exaltation or exclusion?

Matthew 25:21