

JESUS & THE OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS, & THE OUTLAWS--PART III
SERMON TITLE: HUMBLING YOUR PRIDE
SERMON THEME: WHICH WAY ARE YOU FACING?

PRIDE ALWAYS HAS A DESIRE TO BE **BETTER** THAN OTHERS THROUGH **COMPARISON** AND **COMPETITION**.

PROVERBS 16:18

- "A PROUD MAN IS ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON THINGS AND PEOPLE, AND AS LONG AS YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN, YOU CANNOT FIND GOD BECAUSE GOD IS ALWAYS ABOVE YOU." C.S. Lewis

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

- PRIDE IS AN **INACCURATE** DISTORTION OF YOUR **UNDERSTANDING** OF YOUR SELF-**IMAGE**, AND SELF-**WORTH**.

**THREE THINGS PRIDE DOES TO DISTORT YOUR
SELF-IMAGE AND SELF-WORTH**

I) PRIDE **PUSHES** YOU **AWAY** FROM GOD.

LUKE 18:9-14

- **SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS** LEADS YOU TO ESTABLISH **WORTH** AND **JUDGMENT** ON THE BASIS OF **COMPARISON** AND **COMPETITION**.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

- **HUMILITY** COMES WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE A **CHILD** OF GOD.

II) PRIDE **PLACES** YOUR **PERSPECTIVE** ABOVE GOD.

LUKE 15: 11-14

- TO BE A **PRODIGAL** IS TO BE **WASTEFUL** OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN. DO YOU USE IT FOR **YOURSELF** OR DO YOU USE IT FOR **GOD?** YOUR ANSWER WILL REVEAL THE **DEPTH** OF YOUR **PRIDE**.

LUKE 15:17-20

- THE SON DETERMINES TO **RETURN** TO THE FATHER AS A **SERVANT** RATHER THAN SEEK **RESTORATION** AS A SON.

LUKE 15: 31-32

- GRACE IS UNFAIR, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT DESERVE IT, AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES IT GRACE.

III) PRIDE PROPELS YOU TOWARDS TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES.

LUKE 16:19-24

- JESUS CAME TO COMFORT THE AFFLICTED, AND AFFLICT THE COMFORTABLE.

LUKE 16: 25-26

IF YOU IGNORE THE POOR, STEP OVER THEM. AND DO NOTHING TO HELP THEM, YOU WILL HAVE FAILED AT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

JESUS IS TELLING US THAT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE HUMBLE ENOUGH TO ADMIT THAT THEY MISSED THE TARGET ARE GOING TO BE ACCEPTED.

PSALM 11:7