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Humility: Humility's Central Figure

Sermon Questions for your Small Group/LifeGroup to think on...

Sermon Outline:

Christian Humility: the Spirit-fueled ongoing, proper, and honest posturing of man whereby he remains, in light of God and His divine will, acutely aware of and in joyful surrender to who and what he is, both in potential and limitation, and thereby experiencing and fulfilling the reason for which he has been made, and ultimately remade in Christ, to the glory of God.

Sermon Points:

- **Pride is easy to embrace when we don't see the difference between us and God clearly.**
- **How we posture ourselves in relation to God's Word is dependent upon how we view God who inspired it.**
- **God is not like us.**
 - **Raising eyes up takes I's off their thrones.**
 - **"Incommunicable" Attributes of God- those characteristics of God which are His alone.**
 - **Independent:**
 - **God does not need us or any other created thing, whereas we neither exist, nor continue on, without Him.**
 - **Unchangeable:**
 - **God never changes in who He is, what He is, or in what He has purposed or promised; whereas each of us only very recently came into existence and have since never ceased to change on all accounts and in every respect.**
 - **But, God does respond differently to different situations... and for that we are extremely grateful!**
 - **Eternity:**
 - **God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in his own being, and he sees all time equally vivid, yet God sees events in time and acts in time.**
 - **Omnipresence:**
 - **God does not have size or dimension and is present in every point of space with his whole being, even though He manifests Himself differently in different places.**
- **We will never be able to deal with pride until we have God in His rightful place as God.**

Questions:

1. What stuck out to you from the weekend messages?
2. Who is the hardest person you've worked for? What made it tough? What was the reason you stayed or left?
3. How do you approach God's word when you read it? What does your relationship with the Bible reflect about your relationship with God?
4. How do you guard against the extremes of making God either too distant and different on one hand, or on the other hand too personal and like us?
5. Why does pride minimize personal flaws, while exaggerating other people's flaws? How does this reveal itself in marriage and other relationships? How can being aware of this help us in critical moments?
6. In your own words what does it mean that God is independent, in what ways is God independent? How do we attempt to model His independence as something we possess?

7. The unchangeableness of God is something for which we should be very grateful. For what promises, events, character traits are you most thankful that God NEVER varies in?
8. God is not eternal in the sense that He's always existed for as long as there has been time, rather He is timeless. He is outside of time all together. Outside of theology and matters of faith, what is the most difficult idea you've tried to understand? What makes them hard to understand? Obviously, the timelessness of God is very hard to grasp. What other Christian truths are similarly hard to grasp? How so?
9. If you could be at two places at one time, how would that help you? How many of you would be "enough" you's to go around? Why is just one you a good thing for you?
10. Some have argued that Hell is the absence of God and heaven is the fullness of God on display? Pastor BJ said that God is as present in Hell as He is in Heaven? How does God remain omnipresent and consistent with His will and judgments in these different places? How is God present with you? How does He manifest His presence in your life?