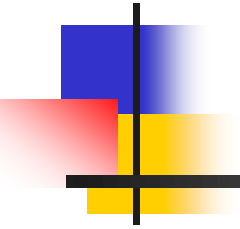


Making Nothing Out of Something





Lord, I Want More

- How many want more of God in your life? More power, more grace, more mercy, more love, more patience, more strength, more wisdom, more provision, more victory MORE!!!
- How often have you tried to get those things, only to eventually fail and be disappointed? In You AND God.
- What kind of things have you tried?



Most of What You Believe Is

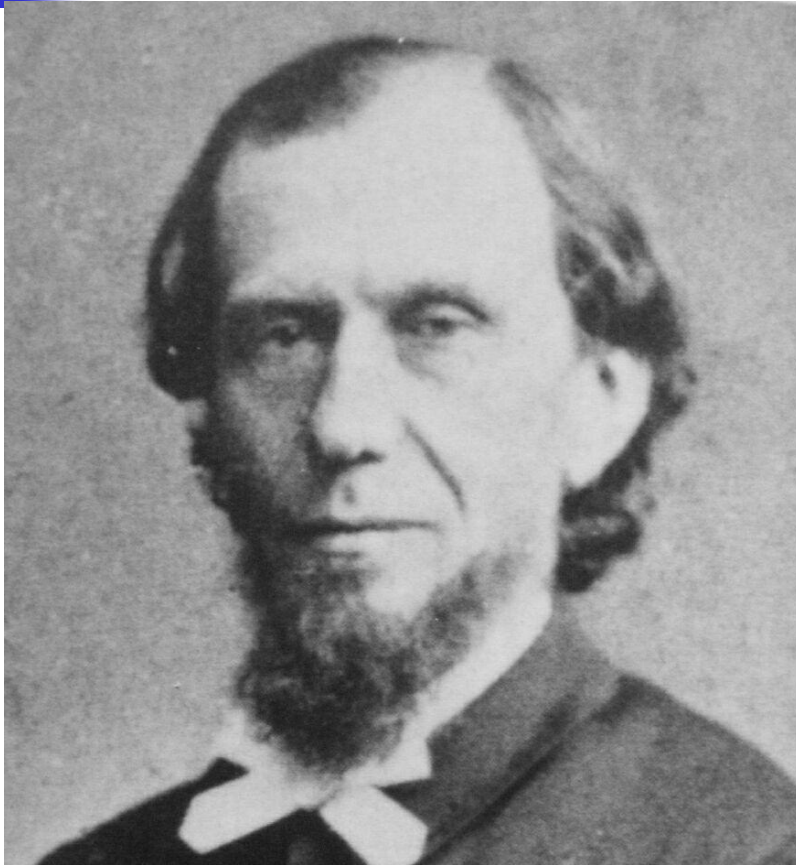
- **WRONG!!**
- We have been led to believe that the Christian life is about being right and getting it right and doing it right. Right doctrine and right behavior leads to right standing and MORE of God in our lives.
- What if that is absolutely wrong and the complete opposite of what is really true?
- What if the harder we try to do it right, the more we get it WRONG-ER?



Have You Tried ... Nothing?

- 1 Peter 5: “Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD ☹️, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE 😊.
- 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.”

This Guy Cracked the Code



- Andrew Murray
- 1828 – 1917
- South African pastor and missionary
- Author of one of the most transformational books I have ever read



Humility

THE *BEAUTY*
OF *HOLINESS*

ANDREW MURRAY

The life God bestows is imparted not once for all , but each moment continuously, by the unceasing operation of his mighty power. Humility, the place of entire dependence on God , is from the very nature of things, the first duty and the highest virtue of the creature. In fact it is the root of every virtue.

And so pride, or **the loss of this humility**, is the root of every sin and evil!



Nothing in a Nutshell

- Humility is the process of becoming less and less, so that God can become more and more. We are TERRIBLE at this!!!
- The art of becoming NOTHING, so GOD CAN BE EVERYTHING in our lives; sounds nuts!
- We haven't been taught this; really been taught the opposite of this: Be the best you can be!! Preaches-Not a Kingdom principle!!!
- God promises that if we will empty ourselves, he will fill us up with himself!!!



This Explains EVERYTHING

- This is why the world is such a mess (duh)
- What's worse, this is why the CHURCH is such a mess, and why it is impotent and struggling
- Not a lack of prayer or sound doctrine or poor effort
- A lack of absolute dependence on God for everything – and we are so far off the mark we can't begin to find our way back home



HUMILITY Huddles

- Started with Elders meetings
- My Wednesday morning HLCN group
- LakeShores Elders got involved
- Then Everlasting Rock in Newbraunfels
- Now Our turn- on Wednesday nights
- Not a program – it is the foundation for genuine REVIVAL – Turning Something into Nothing so He can be EVERYTHING
- Not inspiration, but TRANSFORMATION



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply **loved** by God,
- fully **accepted** by God,
- completely and permanently **forgiven** by God,
- lavishly **blessed** by God,
- and eternally, perfectly **embraced** by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY