



Jesus + Nothing =

EVERYTHING



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?



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.”



Humility

THE BEAUTY
OF HOLINESS

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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: Do better and try harder. Make yourself more spiritual.
- But God wants us to be SMALLER so His Greatness and Glory can be revealed in us!!



People Think Humility is Hard

- You have to discipline yourself and fight your flesh and subdue it to achieve humility
- And that it involves a battle with selfishness and sin that you have to deny and resist and you have to constantly focus on doing better and trying harder in order to achieve true humility and be more like Jesus
- But that is a trap, because you can't come close to achieving humility by trying harder to be humble!!



But That is Backwards

- Humility isn't doing better or trying harder
- Humility is simply the art of surrendering to the love and peace and joy and rest that God offers us every minute of our lives
- So that in the middle of situations that normally produce anger and frustration and stress and strife and jealousy and bitterness and self-pity and manipulation, we instead surrender to His loving embrace and crawl into His lap, and say Abba, I am trusting you with this. It is too big for me.



Take the LAFBE Road

- 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



Deeply LOVED By God

⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the [a]saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3: 16-19



Fully ACCEPTED by God

22 He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present **you** before Him **holy and blameless and beyond reproach**

Colossians 1:22



Permanently FORGIVEN

- Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. - John 19:30
- Tetalestai – the debt is fully and permanently paid



Lavishly BLESSED by God

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ... according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He [e]lavished on [f]us. In all wisdom and insight – Ephesians 1:3-8



EMBRACED as His Child ...

- Who brings Him unspeakable JOY
- “The LORD your God is in your midst,
A [a]victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy,
He will [b]be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
Zephaniah 3:17
- The Joy of the Lord [HIS joy about you] is
your strength – Nehemiah 8:10



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- All of these LAFBE promises are yours because of what **JESUS has done** and **CONTINUES TO DO IN YOU**
- You can't earn them and there is nothing you can do to be worthy of them
- All you can do is choose to accept Jesus and depend on Him, knowing these promises will **ALWAYS** be true and **HE WILL NOT FAIL.**
- This surrender to those promises is the first step towards living in humility



OT LAFBE –Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I [a]shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside [b]quiet waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He guides me in the [c]paths of righteousness

For His name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through

the [d]valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no [e]evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my

enemies; You [f]have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows. ⁶ [g]Surely goodness and lovingkindness

will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will [h]dwell in the house of the LORD [i]forever.



No One Ever Cared for Me

No one ever cared for
me like Jesus His
faithful hand has held
me all this way
And when I'm old and
grey And all my days
are numbered on the
earth Let it be known
in You alone
My joy was found



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