

Seeking God: A Story about Sheep

“Protection For & From Myself”

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The Problems with Pride...

“Pride goes before destruction....”

Proverbs 16:18a (ESV)

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6 (ESV)

“In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him, all his thoughts are, ‘There is no God’.”

Psalms 10:4 (ESV)

What about Pride is so bad?

- 1) It puts me in the position to be _____.
- 2) It prevents me from _____.

The Pride Quiz

What do I think about most?

What/Whom do I spend my resources on? (Time, Money, Energy)

Whom do I serve with my life?

Do I get angry when others do not serve me?

Is the idea of submitting to something difficult to swallow?

John 10:1-10 (CEV)

A Story about Sheep

Jesus said: I tell you for certain that only thieves and robbers climb over the fence instead of going in through the gate to the sheep pen. But the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and he goes in through it. The sheep know their shepherd's voice. He calls each of them by name and leads them out.

When he has led out all of his sheep, he walks in front of them, and they follow, because they know his voice. The sheep will not follow strangers. They don't recognize a stranger's voice, and they run away.

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

*Jesus said: I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep. Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber, and the sheep did not listen to any of them. **I am the gate.** All who come in through me will be saved. Through me they will come and go and find pasture.*

*A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. **I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.***

The Opposite of Pride is Humility, and Humility is lived out in Submission to God.

Submission to God Includes; Listening with the Availability and Intent to Obey

Submission to Jesus Only Makes Sense Because He Loves Us and Gave His life to Save Us.

Protection For Myself = Submission to the Shepherd

Protection From Myself = Submission to the Shepherd

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