

THE POWER OF HUMILITY

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There is nothing more dangerous than pride. The nature of evil has pride at its core, and therefore every temptation is interwoven with it. As a result of the Fall, the curse of iniquity gave us an appetite for sin and rebellion that makes us innately vulnerable to the seductive and deceptive nature of pride. Ever since we ate the deadly fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we ingested pride that believes, "I determine what is right and wrong, what is good and evil. I know what is best." Consequently, pride's pervasive undertone has influenced us to become consumed with self, and this vanity is pride's conceit.

Pride is an evil power that separates and isolates us from God and others. The more pride that is in us, the more blinded we can become to its evil power at work within us, through us, and around us. There is only one thing that can rid us of this seditious appetite and destroy the power of pride: the power of humility.

Just like pride is the lifeblood of the kingdom of darkness, humility is the lifeblood of the Kingdom of light. Pride is married to deception, whereas humility is married to truth with nothing to hide and no fear of being in the light. Scripture declares, "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). The Greek word for light is phos (Strong's number: 5457), which explains, "God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality; of truth and its knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it." In 1 John 1:6-7 we read, "If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

There is nothing prideful or wicked in the nature of God. Truth is the person of Jesus, who personifies humility and its consequential power as we read in Philippians 2:6-11:

"Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The Fall was a fall from humility—the beautiful union with God and dependence on Him. Humility, therefore, is to abide in God and God in us. Humility says, "I am not God. My life is His and I am hidden in Christ. I submit to God—His leadership, Lordship, and ways. God knows best." Where pride has separated, humility opens the door to grace and connects us back to God and right fellowship with one another. Humility is the power of life and the gateway to restoration.

The LGBTQ+ community has labeled its movement PRIDE. We see pride's influence as desire, pleasure, and feelings become the driving "wisdom" that determines the creation and formation of self. We see this in gender fluidity and reassignment, removing moral boundaries on God's plan for human sexuality, abolishing God's holy design of true masculinity and true femininity, personal pronoun preferences, and the list goes on. This evidence suggests that God is no longer our Maker and Creator, humans are. God is no longer our righteous lawgiver; we determine our human rights. All of these lofty opinions are the result of having ingested pride through eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Humanity is still hearing Satan's temptation that led us there, and we are gorging ourselves on its "knowledge."

The only thing that has ever stripped and overturned the power of pride is the humility of God made manifest through Jesus Christ. As intercessors who are praying for mass deliverance from sexual perversion and its degrading effects on humanity and society, we must recognize the necessity to be utterly immersed in humility. Only by being in humility, fully surrendered and hidden in Christ, will we see PRIDE fall from its high place and bow the knee to Jesus.

HUMILITY THROUGH FASTING

Fasting has its unique way of thrusting us into humility. As we consecrate the next 40 days to fast and pray, we must be submerged and sealed in Christ's humility as our own. This is for our protection and our means of power. Therefore, it is imperative for all of us to declare war on pride within our own hearts. It is important to be very clear here. If you are unwilling to continually crucify pride in your own heart, it would be unwise (and possibly not safe) for you to fast and pray into LGBTQ+ issues. But if you are willing, enter into the joy of sanctification and get ready to be mightily used by God!

In this 40-day fasting guide, each day has a unique prayer focus with accompanying scripture references. Please read and prayerfully contemplate the scriptures; pray them back to God. It is important to keep in mind that each day's devotional is meant to be a launching pad for your own spontaneous engagement with God in intercession. If you find yourself wanting to go deeper into the topics provided (with more context, development, and prayer), we suggest getting a copy of the book: [*Piercing the Night: Strategic Intercession to Set the LGBTQ+ Captives Free*](#), authored by Kathryn Lindsey Kiser and foreword by Lou Engle.

HUMILITY THROUGH COMMUNION

During this *Behold the Lamb* fast, we want to strongly encourage you to take communion every day for the next 40 days. We believe this is strategic wisdom from the Lord. Before you partake of the holy elements, please ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of any overt or covert compromises to the sin of pride in your own life. Ask Him to highlight any places where you might be walking in unforgiveness. Have a space of listening prayer and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Also remember, God does not convict us to bring shame or condemnation, but to give us the grace to live in righteousness and freedom. Be quick to repent, forgive, and proactively eradicate pride's influence from your thoughts and attitudes. As we do, our hearts' motives will be daily purified, and consequently it will position our prayers to prevail in love.