

Sermon Outline – Paul Johnson

Title (Theme): Humility

Series Connection: Building Blocks – *Humility, Faith, Honor*

Main Text: Philippians 2:1–13; James 4:10

I. Introduction: The Dream and the Assignment

- Dream of three building blocks: **Humility, Faith, Honor**
 - Assignment from the Lord to minister on **humility** at The Roads Church
 - Connection to Chad's seed revelation:
 - *"Everything you need is in the seed."*
 - Question: *"What if the soil of your heart is bad?"*
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II. The Problem of Pride

- Opposition in the church often isn't demons—it's **pride**
 - Pride feeds ego and insecurity, shrinks God in our eyes
 - Pride is like a disease: everyone smells it, but we don't recognize it in ourselves
 - Proud people blame-shift and assume everyone else is the problem
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III. One Purpose of the Church (Phil. 2:1–2)

- To **glorify Jesus** and honor His name above every name
- The devil loves division; he's the master of miscommunication
- Don't let the enemy divide over preferences—stay united in purpose

IV. Humility in Action (Phil. 2:3–4)

- *“Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.”*
- Culture teaches: life is about **me**
- Gospel truth: apart from God, **no good thing is in us**
- Whatever is good in me is God’s work → **deflect glory to Him**

V. The Attitude of Christ (Phil. 2:5–8)

- *“Have this attitude in you which was also in Christ Jesus...”*
- Jesus existed in the form of God but **emptied Himself**
- Warning: desire for influence can become pride (seeking significance)
- Example: Count Zinzendorf – *“Preach the Gospel, die, be forgotten.”*
- Jesus: fully God, fully man → humbled Himself further to death on a cross

VI. Fruit Reveals the Root (Matt. 7:21–23)

- Not everyone who says “Lord, Lord” will enter—fruit shows the root
 - Pride hides sin; what we **hide** reveals pride, what we **conceal** God can’t heal
 - Exposure we fear may be the very doorway to freedom
 - Proud people: big opinions, little commitment
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VII. The Name Above Every Name (Phil. 2:9–11)

- Jesus' name > every other name—including ours
 - Pride makes us vulnerable to people's opinions and offense
 - Humility sets us free to obey God regardless of response
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VIII. Humility Defined by Contrast

Humility is NOT:

1. **Weakness** – true strength cries, breaks, weeps before God
 2. **Self-pity** – victim mentality keeps you bound (dream: Satan serving “shots of self-pity” in hell)
 3. **Self-hatred** – humility isn't hating yourself; it's surrender to God's love
 4. **Insecurity** – obeying God softly because you fear people's opinions
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IX. Call to Humility (James 4:10–11)

- *“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”*
 - Connected to: *“Do not speak against one another, brothers.”*
 - Humility → take our lips off others, focus on our own walk with God
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X. Conclusion & Altar Call

- Pride blinds us to our own flaws and magnifies others'
- Humility magnifies our flaws and blinds us to others' shortcomings
- Bow willingly now; don't wait until you are forced to bow later
- Invitation to humble ourselves, repent of pride, and receive freedom