



The Reversal of Pride Robert Morris

Focus A prideful person can become a humble person. We can humble ourselves or God will humble us. Whatever you're going through right now, God will use it for your good.

Fun Would you rather have a "staycation" or vacation during spring break? What is your funniest spring break memory and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Daniel 9:2; Jeremiah 24:5, 29:10–11

1. God's plans for you are for your good.

In Deuteronomy 8:16, God humbled His people in the wilderness but also fed them daily manna. God humbles us to do us good in the end. Whatever you're going through right now, God has good plans for you. God humbled Joseph so He could promote him.

2. God knows you before you know Him.

It's believed that as Daniel studied the book of Jeremiah, he also studied the book of Isaiah. In Isaiah 44:28, Daniel discovered the passage "Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd ...'" When Daniel revealed this verse to Cyrus, which was written 150 years earlier, Cyrus believed God knew him personally and had a plan for him.

3. God's plans for you include provision.

In Ezra 3:7, when Cyrus gave permission for the foundation of the temple to be laid and for Jerusalem to be rebuilt, he also supplied provisions. When God brings us into His plan, He always includes provision. Even in the wilderness, the people were provided for through manna and the sustainability of their shoes and clothing, which shows that God will provide for us supernaturally. He

humbles us for our good; however, we still have a choice to willingly humble ourselves.

Group Dynamics Idea This week, take a group challenge to put others before yourselves. You could do this by making it a week for “random acts of kindness.” This might look like letting someone skip you in line, allowing a driver to merge into your lane in front of you, writing a letter of appreciation to someone who has impacted you, or simply calling a loved one. Take note of how this “humility in action” impacts your week and share about your experiences during the next group meeting. Have fun!

Discuss

1. What does having a humble attitude look or sound like to you? What does pride look or sound like to you?
2. Who is the humblest person you know and why? Describe this person.
3. Pastor Robert said Jesus is our greatest model of humility. How did Jesus humble Himself? How did He live a lifestyle of humility?
4. One definition for “humble” is to rank yourself below others. Do you agree or disagree with this definition? What would this look like in our lives in a practical sense?
5. What is the difference between a relationship with God based on humility versus one based on pride? Does it really matter? Why or why not?
6. How would our lives be different if we lived humbly each day? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God’s plans for you are for your good.
- God knows you before you know Him.
- God’s plans for you include provision.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the loving heart You have toward us, Your children. Help us cultivate a heart-attitude of humility. Help us to mature and come to the place where we search our hearts and ask You to search us as well. Help us to have a lifestyle of humility as we allow You to make us into vessels of honor for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Be intentional about growing in your leadership potential. Think of one person whom you admire as a leader and consider asking them to join you for coffee or lunch to gather wisdom and input on how you can grow as a group leader. Share with them one or two areas where you would like to develop as a leader and ask them to help you with your vision. You might also consider visiting a group you feel is successful so you can model some of the qualities of the leader.