



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Heb.12:1-2; Ph.1:6; Deut 8:2
- 1 Pe. 5:6; Pro. 16:18; Is. 6:8

SURRENDER MY ATTITUDE

- Surrender Limitations
- Practice Humility

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Beloved, now we are children of God. **It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when He is revealed, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him just as He is.” 1 John 3:2 WEBUS

“Therefore let’s also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us**, and let’s **run with perseverance** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, **the author and perfecter of faith...**”

Hebrews 12:1-2a WEBUS

“**being confident of this very thing**, that **he who began a good work in you will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:6 WEBUS

“**You shall remember all the way which Yahweh** your God has **led you these forty years in the wilderness**, that **he might humble you, to test you**, to know what was in your heart, **whether you would keep his commandments or not.**” Deuteronomy 8:2 WEBUS

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that he may exalt you in due time,”** 1 Peter 5:6 WEBUS

“Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 WEBUS

“I heard the Lord’s voice, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” **Then I said, “Here I am. Send me!”**” Isaiah 6:8 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That’s what it means to surrender. When Y’shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender your limitations and practice humility.

Pray this without ceasing: “Yahweh, I surrender my limiting beliefs. I know it is natural to believe that in the midst of unimaginable trials I have endured enough already and that I’ve reached my limits. But with You, Lord, there are no restrictions on what You will do, what it might take, or what You will allow in order to finish Your work in me! Anything necessary is possible or permissible when You are in control—and You are always in control. Now, all that remains is for me to come into agreement that anything is possible with You, God; there are no limitations on either

what You will allow to occur for me to grow into a fully developed Christian, nor what I can accomplish for God and through God, because of what You have allowed! Today, I practice humility. I come into agreement with God and humbly submit to whatever it takes for You to finish Your work in me. I acknowledge that humility, as does pride, has two faces: one side stands in the light as authentic submission, believing all that God says about me and all that God has for me. The other lurks in the shadows in stark contrast, as false humility; it is more concerned about appearances—pretense over authenticity—and just below the facade is the ugly darkness of pride, which again in itself has two faces: one that says, “I can do all things on my own,” as did Satan, and the other that says “I am not everything God says I am nor can I do all things God says I can do!” Pure humility, instead, speaks this way: “Lord, here am I, send me!””

Whoever won't surrender their limiting beliefs and practice being humble, simply won't become like Him.

SURRENDER THE POOR ME ATTITUDE!

1. Surrender My Attitude

A. Surrender Limitations

(1) **Introduction:** Strangled and stifled by **limiting beliefs!**

(a) **Limiting Beliefs:** I've reached my limits; God is restricted to doing or allowing certain things in order to finish His work in me; God is not always in control; some things are impossible, even with God; I'm not capable of developing into a mature Christian; I'm not worthy of accomplishing or becoming all that God created me for.

1. "Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us**, and let's **run with perseverance** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, **the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross**, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

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- a) Let us begin this lesson by surrendering the sin of these limiting beliefs:
 - 1) All the wonderful things God has in store for you, and all that you must endure throughout your lifetime in order to achieve what God wants for you, and to receive what God has for

you, are somehow capped by some artificial limitation.

b) You were the joy sitting before Y'shua at the table of His final meal on the night He was betrayed. He is the **author and finisher**, and has already written the story of your life, even up to the very last day.

1) *"Your eyes saw my body. **In your book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them.**"*
Psalms 139:16 WEBUS

c) So, please don't waste even one minute lost in a sea of self-imposed limitations!

1) *"So **teach us to count our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**"* Psalms 90:12 WEBUS

d) And, please don't think, even for one moment, that God will not complete the work He has begun in you!

1) *"**being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.**"* Philippians 1:6 WEBUS

(2) In the midst of trials, it's natural to believe you've endured enough already and you've reached your limits.

(a) The Necessary Wilderness

1. “Now **I would not have you ignorant**, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. **However with most of them, God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**” 1 Corinthians 10:1-5
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- a) No one goes directly into the promised land.
- b) After deliverance from Egypt (your personal bondage or captivity), there is always first a wilderness to test your commitment to God!
 - 1) “***You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.***”

Deuteronomy 8:2 WEBUS

- c) This is the exact pattern that your life will follow. If you want a life in which God directs your steps—there is no escaping it.

1) *“A man’s heart plans his course, but **Yahweh directs his steps.**”* Proverbs 16:9 WEBUS

d) And if you go off course even a little, a loving God will redirect your steps—even if it hurts!

1) *“and **when you turn** to the right hand, and when you turn to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, **“This is the way. Walk in it.”**”* Isaiah 30:21 WEBUS

(b) **The past should be your teacher:** both the past history of our ancestors and your personal past history!

1. “Now **these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Don’t be idolaters,** as some of them were. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” **Let’s not commit sexual immorality,** as some of them committed, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. **Let’s not test Christ,** as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. **Don’t grumble,** as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. Now **all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition,** on whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore **let him who thinks**

he stands be careful that he doesn't fall." 1

Corinthians 10:6-12 WEBUS

- a) Reminders from the past (theirs and yours)...
 - 1) ...so you don't go back to the same lusts (mistakes) of your old life!
 - 2) ...so you are amply warned of the devastation and consequences that await if you do!
 - 3) ...so you don't get prideful, believing you have become infallible—incapable of making the same mistakes (again)!
- b) Most Common Examples (time for serious self reflection!)
 - 1) **Idolatry:** putting anything above Yahweh!
 - 2) **Sexual Immorality:** the perversion of or highjacking of what God intends to be reserved for marriage.
 - 3) **Doubting God:** you're not pleasing to God if don't trust Him.
 - 4) **Complaining:** never being satisfied about your present circumstances.
 - 5) **Pride:** you are incapable of making a mistake.
- (c) If you are facing a wilderness test it means one thing for certain: You can handle it!

1. **"No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."** 1 Corinthians 10:13 WEBUS

a) The Many Faces of Temptation:

- 1) **Trials:** *"Beloved, **don't be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you.**"* 1 Peter 4:12 WEBUS
- 2) **Adversity:** *"Count it all joy, my brothers, **when you fall into various temptations,**"* James 1:2 WEBUS
- 3) **Testing:** *"knowing that the **testing of your faith produces endurance.**"* James 1:3 WEBUS
- 4) **Being proved:** *"**Let endurance have its perfect work,** that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:4 WEBUS*
- 5) **Suffering:** *"Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, **knowing that suffering produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven***

character; and proven character, hope;"

Romans 5:3-4 WEBUS

- 6) **Discipline:** ***"It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn't discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have been made partakers, then you are illegitimate, and not children."*** Hebrews 12:7-8
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- 7) **Provocation:** ***"Her [Hannah's] rival provoked her severely, to irritate her, because Yahweh had shut up her womb. So year by year, when she went up to Yahweh's house, her rival provoked her. Therefore she wept, and didn't eat."*** 1 Samuel 1:6-7 WEBUS

- b) **The Many Faces of Idolatry:** One form of idolatry is so often overlooked because of its subtle presentation. It hides itself in the belief that claims, *"What I think or conclude about myself or any matter is more valid than what God says is true."*

- 1) *"Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry.** I speak as to wise men. Judge what I say."* 1 Corinthians 10:14-15 WEBUS

(3) There are no restrictions on what Yahweh will do, what it might take, or what He will allow in order to finish His work in you!

(a) Consider this the perfect demonstration that God has ZERO limitations!

1. “For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only born Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16 WEBUS

a) God offered the life of His own Son, so we could spend an eternity with Him. A sacrifice **for us** of **limitless** value for an eternity **for us** of **limitless** benefits.

1) “*When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “**It is finished!**” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*” John 19:30 WEBUS

b) And if He was willing to do that, do you think there is any limit to what Yahweh will do, what it might take, or what He will allow in order to finish His work in you?

1) “*He **who didn’t spare his own Son**, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?*” Romans 8:32 WEBUS

(b) There are no restrictions on what Yahweh will do, what it might take, or what He will allow—just ask Abraham!

1. “After these things, **God tested Abraham**, and **said to him, “Abraham!” He said, “Here I am.”** He said, “Now **take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love**, and go into the land of Moriah. **Offer him there as a burnt offering** on one of the mountains which I will tell you of.”” Genesis 22:1-2 WEBUS

a) Yahweh instructed Abraham to sacrifice his “only son,” whom he love dearly, as He Himself would later do.

b) Put yourself in Abraham’s sandals; imagine what he might have felt about being told to sacrifice Isaac, his miracle child, especially since Abraham had been guaranteed an heir through him, who would populate the earth—a promise already near impossible to believe since his wife was old and barren when the promise was made.

1) “*Behold, Yahweh’s word came to him, saying, “This man **[Ishmael]** will not be your heir, but he who will **come out of your own body will be your heir.**”* Yahweh brought him outside, and said, “Look now toward the sky, and **count the**

*stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “So your offspring will be.” **He believed in Yahweh, who credited it to him for righteousness.***” Genesis 15:4-6 WEBUS

c) Famously, *“He believed in Yahweh, who credited it to him for righteousness.”* Later, Yahweh described to Abraham how he and his wife, both elderly, would give birth to a son through whom Yahweh would fulfill His covenant. That son would be called Isaac—the son Yahweh was now instructing him to sacrifice!

1) *“God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. Yes, **I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations. Kings of peoples will come from her.**” Then Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, “**Will a child be born to him who is one hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth?**” Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” God said, “No, but Sarah, your wife, will bear you a*

son. You shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him." Genesis 17:15-19 WEBUS

- d) There are simply no limits with God! Abraham must be thinking, *"You want me to do what with Isaac, my ONLY son of whom You have spoken?"*
 - 1) ...from out of your own elderly bodies will be your heir!
 - 2) ...count the stars, so your offspring will be that numerous!
 - 3) ...his name will be Isaac; nations and kings will come from his line!
 - 4) ...with Isaac You will establish Your everlasting covenant and with his offspring!
 - 5) ...take Isaac, your only son, whom you love, and go offer him as a burnt offering!
- e) It seems there are no restrictions on what Yahweh will do, what it might take, or what He will allow in order to finish His work in us!

(4) Anything necessary is possible or permissible when God is in control—and news flash—He's always in control.

- (a) The rest of Abraham and Isaac's story...

1. **“Abraham rose early** in the morning, and saddled his donkey; and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. **He split the wood** for the burnt offering, and rose up, and **went to the place of which God had told him.** On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place far off. Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. **The boy and I will go over there. We will worship, and come back to you.**” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. He took in his hand the fire and the knife. They both went together. **Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, “My father?” He said, “Here I am, my son.”** He said, “Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” **Abraham said, “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”** So they both went together. They came to the place which God had told him of. Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, **bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar,** on the wood. **Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son. Yahweh’s angel called to him out of the sky, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” He said,**

“Here I am.” He said, “Don’t lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him. For **now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.**” Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and saw that behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. **Abraham called the name of that place “Yahweh Will Provide”.** As it is said to this day, “On Yahweh’s mountain, it will be provided.”

Yahweh’s angel called to Abraham a second time out of the sky, and said, **“‘I have sworn by myself,’ says Yahweh, ‘because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, that I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your offspring greatly like the stars of the heavens, and like the sand which is on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the gate of his enemies. All the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring, because you have obeyed my voice.’”** Genesis 22:3-18 WEBUS

a) **Calling**

- 1) Take your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and offer him to Yahweh. (Genesis 22:1-2)

b) **Willingness**

- 1) Abraham rose early, saddled his donkey, took Isaac, split the wood, went to the place...

c) **Action**

- 1) The boy and I will go over there.
- 2) We will worship, and come back.
- 3) Abraham took the wood and his knife.
- 4) Isaac asked, "Where is the lamb for the offering?"

d) **Faithfulness**

- 1) "God will provide himself the lamb."
- 2) Abraham built the altar, laid the wood, bound Isaac, and laid him on the altar.
- 3) Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son.

e) **Provision**

- 1) Yahweh's angel said, "Don't lay your hand on the boy; now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me."
- 2) Abraham saw a ram caught in the thicket, took it and offered it instead of his son.
- 3) Abraham called the name of that place "Yahweh Will Provide".

f) **Outcome**

- 1) Yahweh said, *“Because you have not withheld your only son, I will bless you greatly, and multiply your offspring like the stars of the heavens and the sand on the seashore.”*
 - 2) Your offspring will rule his enemies.
 - 3) All the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring, because you have obeyed My voice.
- g) Now, all that remains is for YOU also to come into agreement that anything is possible with God.
- 1) *“Looking at them, Jesus said, **“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**”* Matthew 19:26 WEBUS

(5) There are no limitations on what God will allow to occur in order for you to grow into a fully developed Christian.

- (a) If Christ had to, so must you also!
1. **“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you**

also were called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in us all. But **to each one of us, the grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.** Therefore he says, “When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to people.” Now this, “He ascended”, what is it but that **he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?** He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.” Ephesians 4:1-10

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- a) Consider yourself a prisoner of the Lord.
 - b) Live a life worthy of that calling in total humility.
 - c) Strive for unity and peace through God’s grace.
 - d) Consider that for Y’shua, the perfect man, to complete His calling, He had to go to hell and back—and in a sense, so must all of us!
- (b) The Ministry of the Church to the Church
1. “He gave some to be **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **shepherds** and **teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body** of Christ,

until we all attain to the **unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son** of God, to a **full grown man**, to the **measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**, that we may **no longer be children**, tossed back and forth and carried about with every **wind of doctrine**, by the **trickery** of men, in **craftiness**, after the **wiles of error**; but **speaking truth in love**, we may **grow up** in all things **into him** who is the head, Christ, from whom all the body, being fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to the working in measure of **each individual part, makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love.**" Ephesians 4:11-16

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- a) The Five Offices
 - 1) Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.
- b) The Purpose
 - 1) To perfect Christians.
 - 2) To teach them to serve.
 - 3) To build up the Body of Christ.
- c) The Transformation
 - 1) Unity of the faith.

- 2) Complete intimacy with Y'shua.
 - 3) To become a fully grown adult Christian who looks exactly like Christ.
- d) The Benefits
- 1) No longer be an immature Christian who is easily swayed by bad doctrine and easily fooled by men who claim to serve God, but really have a greater interest in building their own religion.
- e) The Method
- 1) Speak the truth in love.
 - 2) Recognize that to grow up in every area of life and to become like Christ is a corporate job.
 - 3) The body of Christ must come together, and each individual part (every Christian) must do their job to allow the corporate body to continuously transform until it is totally Christlike.
 - 4) The only way that growth is possible is by becoming the love of God.
- f) Let me remind you of this on your journey; you are no longer a pagan, so don't act like one!
- 1) *"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you **no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles***

also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts.” Ephesians 4:17-18 WEBUS

(6) There are no limitations on what you can accomplish for God through Christ, because of what He has allowed.

(a) Premise

1. **“I can do all things through Christ** who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 WEBUS

a) In God’s strength anything He has called you to do is possible!

(b) Through Christ!?

1. “I thank my God whenever I remember you, always in every request of mine on behalf of you all, making my requests with joy, for your **partnership in furtherance of the Good News** from the first day until now; **being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.** It is even right for me to think this way on behalf of all of you, because I have you in my heart, because both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the Good News, **you all are**

partakers with me of grace.” Philippians 1:3-7

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- a) What God has begun in you will be completed in you, but it can only happen with Christ in you.
 - 1) Each time you attempt to complete something in your own strength, you will ultimately fail.
 - 2) You must remember that you have access to God’s grace now—His supernatural power and favor—and that is the energy you must tap to accomplish anything meaningful for God.
- b) The **GIFT** of God’s grace!
 - 1) *“for **by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”* Ephesians 2:8 WEBUS
- c) Continual **ACCESS** to God’s grace!
 - 1) *“Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; **through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand.** We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”* Romans 5:1-2
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- d) Faithful **STEWARDSHIP** of God’s grace!

- 1) *“As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, **as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.**” 1 Peter 4:10 WEBUS*
- e) It is His grace that will allow you to know what is on God’s heart, precisely what He wants you to do, and how to do it!
 - 1) *“For God is my witness, how I long after all of you in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus. **This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense to the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness** which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:8-11 WEBUS*
- f) That is the only way to bear good fruit.
 - 1) *“But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 WEBUS*

B. Practice Humility

- (1) **Introduction:** What does it mean to be **humble**?

(a) **Humility:** to come into agreement with Yahweh (about everything) because He is God and you are not. And to acknowledge that whatever He must do or allow in your life for you to accept that He is God and you are not (in every area of your life) is at His disposal!

1. “**Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that he may exalt you in due time,**” 1 Peter 5:6 WEBUS

a) **Priorities:** Lower yourself before God and be at His complete disposal. Be willing to be anyone, do anything, give everything, and go anywhere...

b) **Patience:** God's timing is hardly ever our timing. Recognize that God is never in a hurry and never late; He is never worried, anxious, surprised, or caught off guard.

c) **Pride:** When you are not willing to bow to God's plan nor wait for God's timing, it's because subconsciously, you would rather be God than submit to God. That always ends badly!

1) “***Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.***” Proverbs 16:18 WEBUS

d) Anything you are willing to make a priority above God is an idol!

1) “You shall have **no other gods** before me.”

Exodus 20:3 WEBUS

e) If you insist on idols, you will be crushed; if you surrender your idols, you will be blessed!

1) “For **everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.**” Luke 14:11 WEBUS

f) And remember, every wilderness experience is meant to teach you humility; it is meant to test you and to determine if you will submit your life to God in total obedience!

1) “**You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.**”

Deuteronomy 8:2 WEBUS

(b) Yahweh is God...

1. “**I am Yahweh, and there is no one else. Besides me, there is no God.** I will strengthen you, though you have not known me, that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that **there is no**

one besides me. I am Yahweh, and there is no one else.” Isaiah 45:5-6 WEBUS

a) It is perfectly clear: Yahweh is God, and there are no other real gods.

b) He will be glorified and praised...

1) *“Be still, and know that **I am God. I will be exalted** among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”* Psalms 46:10 WEBUS

(c) Yahweh is God, and you are not!

1. “Serve Yahweh with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. **Know that Yahweh, he is God. It is he who has made us, and we are his.** We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.” Psalms 100:2-3 WEBUS

a) He made you; you did not make Him. You belong to Him.

b) If you believe otherwise, then you are making God in your own image, as opposed to acknowledging that He made you in His image.

1) *“**God created man in his own image.** In God’s image he created him; male and female he created them.”* Genesis 1:27 WEBUS

c) He is Yahweh, the only real God; any belief shy of that will only lead to utter discouragement, sadness, and horror.

1) *“Let them be **disappointed and dismayed forever**. Yes, let them be confounded and perish; **that they may know that you alone, whose name is Yahweh, are the Most High** over all the earth.”* Psalms 83:17-18 WEBUS

(d) Preview: Satan did not like that Yahweh was the only God!

1. *“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! **I will make myself like the Most High!**”* Isaiah 14:14
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a) He decided that He too wanted to be God!

b) That is the ultimate demonstration of pride!

c) And pride always ends badly!

1) *“**Pride goes before destruction**, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.”* Proverbs 16:18 WEBUS

d) How does Satan's pride end? He becomes worm food!

1) *“**Your pomp is brought down to Sheol**, with the sound of your stringed instruments. **Maggots are***

spread out under you, and worms cover you.”

Isaiah 14:11 WEBUS

- e) King Herod had the mind of Satan; he too made himself to be God, and he too became worm food!
- 1) *“On an appointed day, Herod dressed himself in royal clothing, sat on the throne, and gave a speech to them. **The people shouted, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!” Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he didn’t give God the glory. Then he was eaten by worms and died.**”* Acts 12:21-23 WEBUS

(2) Humbly submit to whatever testing it takes for God to finish His work in you.

(a) Pruning is guaranteed...

- 1. **“Every branch in me that doesn’t bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”** John 15:2 WEBUS

- a) You will either receive **a large-scale pruning** if you are bearing no fruit, so you can eventually bear some fruit.
- b) Or you will receive **a refined pruning** if you are already bearing fruit, so you will bear greater fruit.
- c) Either way, a pruning is guaranteed!

(b) But fear not, even in the midst of the worst pruning,
Yahweh is with you!

1. **“Though I walk in the middle of trouble, you will revive me.** You will stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies. **Your right hand will save me. Yahweh will fulfill that which concerns me.** Your loving kindness, Yahweh, endures forever. **Don’t forsake the works of your own hands.”** Psalms

138:7-8 WEBUS

- a) God will always be there to revive you!
- b) God will always complete the work He started!
 - 1) ***“being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*** Philippians 1:6 WEBUS

3. And your pruning experience will **always** yield perfect results because the work He does in us is **always** carefully planned!

- 1) ***“But may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”*** 1 Peter 5:10

WEBUS

(c) Whatever testing it takes for God to finish His work in you is at His disposal...

1. “Therefore don’t be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; **but endure hardship for the Good News according to the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace,** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News. **For this I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this cause I also suffer these things.** Yet I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and **I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed to him against that day.”** 2 Timothy 1:8-12 WEBUS

a) Be willing to endure hardship for the Gospel...

- 1) Know that it is God who called you.
- 2) Know that it is by His power, not your own effort.
- 3) Know that it is according to His purpose.

- 4) Know that it is by His appointment.
 - 5) Know that it is the reason for your suffering.
 - 6) Know that He will guard you until you complete your assignment.
- b) God will always complete the work He started!
- 1) ***“being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*** Philippians 1:6 WEBUS
3. And know that you have the opportunity to be joyful no matter what phase of testing you are in.
- 1) ***“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various temptations, knowing that **the testing of your faith produces endurance.** Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete,** lacking in nothing.”*** James 1:2-4 WEBUS
- (d) Willing to become who God created you to be so He can complete His work in you.
1. ***“To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. Now I do this for the sake of the Good News, that I may be a joint partaker of it. Don’t you know that those who run in a race all run,***

but one receives the prize? Run like that, so that you may win. Every man who strives in the games exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible.

I therefore run like that, not aimlessly. I fight like that, not beating the air, but I beat my body and bring it into submission, lest by any means, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-27 WEBUS

- a) Become all things to all men by any godly means necessary...
 - 1) Run the race of life with purpose—for the sake of the Gospel!
 - 2) Don't fill your life with aimless endeavors that produce nothing for God's Kingdom.
 - 3) Bring your body and soul into complete submission to God.
 - 4) Be the prime example of what it means to surrender everything to God, so when you preach that message to others, it is believable.
 - 5) If it is not authentic, and it comes across as some contrived list of platitudes, it will be easily dismissed by those watching and listening.

(3) Humility, as does pride, has two faces: one side stands in the light as authentic submission, believing all that God says about you and all that God has for you.

(a) Authentic submission: to believe all that God says about you and all that God has for you.

1. “We proclaim him, **admonishing every man and teaching every man** in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**; for which I also labor, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily.” Colossians 1:28-29 WEBUS

a) Paul says this about you...

1) My goal is to present you perfect in Christ!

b) Y’shua agrees!

1) “***Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.***” Matthew 5:48
WEBUS

c) And that you would be sanctified completely!

1) “***May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely.*** *May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it.*” 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 WEBUS

d) Peter agrees!

1) *“because it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”**”* 1 Peter 1:16 WEBUS

e) And that you would be conformed into the image of Christ.

1) *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. For whom he foreknew, **he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified.”* Romans 8:28-30 WEBUS

f) And that you would learn to think like God!

1) *““For who has known the mind of the Lord that he should instruct him?” **But we have Christ’s mind.**”* 1 Corinthians 2:16 WEBUS

g) And to know that whatever you can imagine He is doing in you, it is even greater!

1) *“Now to him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above** all that we ask or think,*

according to the power that works in us,”

Ephesians 3:20 WEBUS

(b) **Authentic submission:** to believe all that God says about you and all that God has for you.

1. **“seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue, by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.”** 2 Peter 1:3-4 WEBUS

a) Consider this list of things God says about you! Do you believe?

- 1) As God’s child, you have access to His power.
- 2) As God’s child, you have access to everything you need to live a life that is honoring to Him.
- 3) As God’s child, you have access to an exceeding abundance of precious promises.
- 4) As God’s child, you have access to His divine nature.
- 5) As God’s child, you are no longer a slave to the lusts of the world.

(4) The other face of humility lurks in the shadows in stark contrast, as false humility; it is more concerned about appearances—pretense over authenticity.

(a) **False humility:** is more concerned about appearances—pretense over authenticity.

1. “Let no one rob you of your prize **by self-abasement** and worshiping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he has not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding firmly to the Head,** from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God’s growth. **If you died with Christ from the elemental spirits of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to ordinances,** “Don’t handle, nor taste, nor touch” (all of which perish with use), according to the precepts and doctrines of men? **These things indeed appear like wisdom in self-imposed worship, humility, and severity to the body, but aren’t of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.”** Colossians 2:18-23

WEBUS

a) **Pretense:**

- 1) Acting super spiritual—insisting you are only enraptured and enthralled by spiritual matters.

b) Self-humiliation and self-degradation:

- 1) Unearned confidence in one's abilities and opinions, instead of what Christ has produced in you, while pretending to be lowly.

c) Self-subjugation:

- 1) Subjecting yourselves to self-imposed rules that you hope make you appear more holy.
- 2) They might appear spiritual, but showy worship, false humility, and a self-imposed restricted lifestyle aren't of any real value against the indulgence of the flesh.

d) What is your motivation?

- 1) *"For **am I now seeking the favor of men**, or of God? **Or am I striving to please men?** For if I were still pleasing men, I wouldn't be a servant of Christ."* Galatians 1:10 WEBUS

(b) **Classic False Humility:** concern about appearances—pretense over authenticity.

1. {2-3} "saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat. All things therefore **whatever they tell you to observe, observe and do, but don't do their**

works; for they say, and don't do. {5-7} But they do all their works to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the fringes of their garments, and **love the place of honor** at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, the **salutations** in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi, Rabbi' by men. {12} **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.** {15} Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you travel around by sea and land to make one **proselyte**; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as yourselves. {25-28} "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you **clean the outside of the cup** and of the platter, but **within they are full of** extortion and unrighteousness. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the platter, that its outside may become clean also. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like **whitened tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful**, but **inwardly are full of dead men's bones** and of all uncleanness. Even so you also **outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of**

hypocrisy and iniquity.” Matthew 23:2-3, 5-7, 12, 15,
25-28 WEBUS

- a) Saying but not doing.
- b) Doing but to be noticed.
- c) Requiring a place of honor.
- d) Needing to be called by a title.
- e) Exalting yourself.
- f) Preaching to and then corrupting converts.
- g) Looking good on the outside, while the inside is filled with filth.
- h) God does not look at the outside at all!
 - 1) *“But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Don’t look on his face, or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him [**which seems to disqualify him**]; for I don’t see as man sees. For **man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart.**””* 1 Samuel 16:7 WEBUS
- i) Seeking self-justification or man’s exaltation is an abomination to God!
 - 1) *“The Pharisees, who were **lovers of money**, also heard all these things, and they scoffed at him. He said to them, “**You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows***

your hearts. For **that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.**

Luke 16:14-15 WEBUS

j) Inauthentic deeds are never rewarded.

1) *“Be careful that you **don’t do your charitable giving before men**, to be seen by them, or else you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”* Matthew 6:1 WEBUS

(5) Just below the facade is the ugly darkness of pride, which again in itself has two faces: one that says, “I can do all things on my own,” as did Satan.

(a) The “**I**” in PR**I**DE says, “**I** will!”

1. “How you have fallen from heaven, shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, “**I will** ascend into heaven! **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God! **I will** sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds! **I will** make myself like the Most High!” **Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.** Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, “**Is this the man who** made the earth to tremble, who shook

kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness,
and overthrew its cities, who didn't release his
prisoners to their home?"” Isaiah 14:12-17 WEBUS

a) “I will...”

- 1) Redeem myself!
- 2) Exalt myself!
- 3) Position myself!
- 4) Ascend myself!
- 5) Make myself like God!

b) If you are an “I will” person, you will be humbled.
And all onlookers will wonder about that self-
righteous person who once was...

- 1) **Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.** Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, **“Is this the man who** made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities, who didn't release his prisoners to their home?

c) Because...

- 1) ***“When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.”*** Proverbs 11:2

WEBUS

(b) Self-Righteousness

1. “Brothers, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God is for Israel, that they may be saved. For I testify about them that **they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** For being **ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they didn’t subject themselves to the righteousness of God.**” Romans 10:1-3 WEBUS

- a) This is precisely what blinds people from seeing their need for Y’shua as their Savior!

(6) The other face of pride says, “I am not everything God says I am, nor can I do all things God says I can do!”

(a) Rejecting Yahweh (His truth) is a form of Idolatry

1. “Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel to Ramah. They said to him, “Behold, you are old, and your sons don’t walk in your ways. Now **make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**” But **the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.”** Samuel prayed to Yahweh. **Yahweh said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me as the king over them.** According to all the works

which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that **they have forsaken me and served other gods**, so they also do to you.” 1 Samuel 8:4-8 WEBUS

- a) The people wanted a king like the pagan nations had because they did not embrace their identity as God’s chosen people who are called to subject themselves to the laws of the one and only God.
- (b) Moses denied he was capable of being God’s voice and delivering his people from captivity!

1. “Moses said to God, **“Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”**” Exodus 3:11 WEBUS

- a) And God reminded him that it was He who would fill a man’s mouth and teach him what to say!
 - 1) ***“Moses said to Yahweh, “O Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before now, nor since you have spoken to your servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.” Yahweh said to him, “Who made man’s mouth? Or who makes one mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Isn’t it I, Yahweh? Now therefore go, and I will be with***

your mouth, and teach you what you shall speak.” Exodus 4:10-12 WEBUS

b) Yahweh used Moses to speak the very words that redeemed his people from Egypt (captivity) and to write the very words that pointed to His Son who would redeem the world from sin (captivity)! *“I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall speak.”*

1) *“Don’t think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For **if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me.** But if you don’t believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”*

John 5:45-47 WEBUS

(c) Gideon did not believe he was everything God said he was, nor could he do what God said he could! He did not believe he was qualified, nor could he be used to save Israel. Yahweh said differently!

1. “Gideon said to him, **“Oh, my Lord, if Yahweh is with us, why then has all this happened to us? Where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of,** saying, ‘Didn’t Yahweh bring us up from

Egypt?’ But now Yahweh has cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian.” **Yahweh looked at him, and said, “Go in this your might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Haven’t I sent you?” He said to him, “O Lord, how shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”** Yahweh said to him, **“Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”**” Judges 6:13-16 WEBUS

- a) What about you? Do you believe you can represent Christ and speak on His behalf? Yahweh says you do, and you can!
 - 1) ***“We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so **that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**”*** 2

Corinthians 5:20-21 WEBUS

- (d) Jeremiah did not believe he was qualified to go where Yahweh sent him, nor could he speak on Yahweh’s

behalf. Yahweh said differently, so He touched Jeremiah and put His words in Jeremiah's mouth!

1. "Then I said, "Ah, **Lord Yahweh! Behold, I don't know how to speak; for I am a child.**" But Yahweh said to me, "**Don't say, 'I am a child;' for you must go to whomever I send you, and you must say whatever I command you.** Don't be afraid because of them, for **I am with you** to rescue you," says Yahweh. Then **Yahweh stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. Then Yahweh said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."** Jeremiah 1:6-9 WEBUS

a) What about you? Are you worried about what to say on His behalf, or if you are capable of representing Christ? Y'shua says the Holy Spirit will teach what to say when you need to say it!

- 1) *"When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, **don't be anxious how or what you will answer or what you will say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say.**"* Luke 12:11-12

WEBUS

(7) Pure humility speaks this way: "Lord, here am I, send me!"

(a) We all begin the same way...with nothing good to say!

1. "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. One called to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory!" The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, for my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of Armies!"** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. **He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin forgiven."**" Isaiah

6:1-7 WEBUS

- a) Then our mouths are touched by God, and our sins are forgiven.
- b) And then He asks something of us...

(b) The correct answer is what complete humility looks like in practice!

1. "I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" **Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"**" Isaiah 6:8 WEBUS

a) **"Here I am. Send me!"** To come into agreement with Yahweh (about everything) because He is God and you are not.

b) To be good with whatever He must do or allow in your life in order for you to acknowledge He is God and you are not (in every area of your life)!

c) To humbly submit to whatever it takes for God to finish His work in you, say... **"Here I am!"**

d) It's what Abraham said three times in the narrative about offering Isaac to Yahweh!

1) *"After these things, God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" **He said, "Here I am."***"

Genesis 22:1 WEBUS

2) *"Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?" **He said, "Here I am, my son."** He said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*" Genesis 22:7

WEBUS

3) *“Yahweh’s angel called to him out of the sky, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” **He said, “Here I am.”**”* Genesis 22:11 WEBUS

e) Once Isaiah was willing to go, what did Yahweh tell him to say (famously)?

1) *“He said, “**Go, and tell this people,** ‘You hear indeed, but don’t understand. You see indeed, but don’t perceive.’ Make the heart of this people fat. **Make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed.**”*” Isaiah 6:9-10

WEBUS

(c) Isaiah 6:9-10 is directly quoted or referenced six times in the New Testament. New Testament writers use this passage about hardened hearts and blinded eyes to explain why people rejected Jesus and the message of God’s kingdom.

(d) Is that you, or are you willing to be humble and accept the calling, and that you are everything God says you are and can do all things God says you can do?

(e) Four times in the Gospels:

1. “He answered them, **“To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven,** but it is not given to them. For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever doesn’t have, from him will be taken away even that which he has. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they don’t see, and hearing, they don’t hear, neither do they understand.” Matthew 13:11-13 WEBUS
 - a) Then Isaiah 6:9-10 is directly quoted in Matthew 13:14-15...
 - b) *“In them [those not willing] the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says....”* Matthew 13:14 WEBUS
 - 1) Mark 4:12 and Luke 8:10 have a similar use (the synoptic gospels).
- (f) Do you believe the report about you?
 1. “While you have the light, **believe in the light, that you may become children of light.**” Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them. **But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they didn’t believe in him,** that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: **“Lord, who has believed our report? To whom has**

the arm of the Lord been revealed?”” John 12:36-38

WEBUS

- a) Then Isaiah 6:9-10 is directly quoted in John 12:39-40

(g) **One time in Acts:** Are you persuaded about your kingdom calling?

- 1. “When they had appointed him a day, many people came to him at his lodging. **He explained to them, testifying about God’s Kingdom, and persuading them concerning Jesus,** both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning until evening. **Some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.** When they didn’t agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had spoken one message: **“The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,”** Acts 28:23-25

WEBUS

- a) Then Isaiah 6:9-10 is directly quoted in Acts 28:26-27

(h) **One time in Romans:** What then? **Are you humble,** or are you still living in a spirit of stupor (**limiting beliefs**)?

- 1. “What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he didn’t obtain, but the chosen ones obtained it, **and the rest**

were hardened. According as it is written, “**God gave them a spirit of stupor,** eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.””

Romans 11:7-8 WEBUS

- a) Paul alludes to Isaiah 6:9-10 in Romans 11:7-8
- (i) What does it look like in practice to “Surrender your limitations and practice humility?

- 1. **[When the Lord calls...]** “I heard the Lord’s voice, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
[You say...] Then I said, “**Here I am. Send me!**””

Isaiah 6:8 WEBUS

Prayer: *I SURRENDER MY LIMITATIONS (Yahweh, I surrender my limiting beliefs. I know it is natural to believe that in the midst of unimaginable trials I have endured enough already and that I’ve reached my limits. But with You, Lord, there are no restrictions on what You will do, what it might take, or what You will allow in order to finish Your work in me! Anything necessary is possible or permissible when You are in control—and You are always in control. Now, all that remains is for me to come into agreement that anything is possible with You, God; there are no limitations on either what You will allow to occur for me to grow into a fully developed Christian, nor what I can accomplish for God and*

through God, because of what You have allowed!) I WILL PRACTICE HUMILITY (Today, I practice humility. I come into agreement with God and humbly submit to whatever it takes for You to finish Your work in me. I acknowledge that humility, as does pride, has two faces: one side stands in the light as authentic submission, believing all that God says about me and all that God has for me. The other lurks in the shadows in stark contrast, as false humility; it is more concerned about appearances—pretense over authenticity—and just below the facade is the ugly darkness of pride, which again in itself has two faces: one that says, “I can do all things on my own,” as did Satan, and the other that says “I am not everything God says I am nor can I do all things God says I can do!” Pure humility, instead, speaks this way: “Lord, here am I, send me!”)

ASSIGNMENT #24

1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. “For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart**. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but **all things are**

naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS

B. *“But there is **nothing covered up that will not be revealed**, nor hidden that will not be known.” Luke 12:2 WEBUS*

C. *“For **God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.**” Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS*

D. *“For **no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.** But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each man’s work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire;** and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man’s work is.” 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS*

E. *“For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of God. If it **begins first with us**, what will happen to those who don’t obey the Good News of God?” 1 Peter 4:17 WEBUS*

2. **Surrender Limitations:** *“looking to Jesus, **the author and perfecter of faith**, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 WEBUS*

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you recognize that it is natural to believe in the midst of unimaginable trials that you have endured enough already and that you've reached your limits?
 - 2) Are you aware that with the Lord there are no restrictions on what He will do, what it might take, or what He will allow in order to finish His work in you?
 - 3) Do you agree that anything necessary is possible or permissible when God is in control—and that He's always in control?
 - 4) Will you acknowledge that all that remains is for you to come into agreement that anything is possible with God?
 - 5) Do you see that there are no limitations on either what God will allow to occur for you to grow into a fully developed Christian, nor what you can accomplish for Him and through Him, because of what He has allowed?
 - 6) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
 - 7) Who will hold you accountable to surrender your limiting beliefs?
3. **Practice Humility:** *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that he may exalt you in due time,**"* 1 Peter 5:6 WEBUS
- A. Are you prepared to practice humility?

- 1) Will you come into agreement with God and humbly submit to whatever it takes for Him to finish His work in you?
- 2) Can you recognize that humility, as does pride, has two faces: one side stands in the light as authentic submission, believing all that God says about you and all that God has for you and that the other lurks in the shadows in stark contrast, as false humility; it is more concerned about appearances—pretense over authenticity?
- 3) Will you acknowledge that just below the facade of false humility is the ugly darkness of pride, which again in itself has two faces: one that says, “I can do all things on my own,” as did Satan, and the other that says “I am not everything God says I am nor can I do all things God says I can do!”?
- 4) Do you agree that pure humility, instead, speaks this way: “Lord, here am I, send me!”?
- 5) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 6) Who will hold you accountable to practice humility?