New Song News

1 Chronicles 29:10b–13 (ESV) ¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Romans 16:17–20 (ESV) ¹⁷I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. ¹⁸For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ¹⁹For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. ²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Today

- √ 9:00am, Sunday school for toddlers & elementary children, adult Learning Community.
- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift.

This Week

- √ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- √ Thursday, Learning Community, 7pm live & Zoom. Read

- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, Learning Community, 1pm live & Zoom. **Read**
- ✓ Friday, 6:45pm Viewing of *The Chosen* at Nina Wiebalk's home. See Nina for more information.
- \checkmark Saturday, 7am, Men's Group at fire ring. See Dave Sabo for info.

Looking Ahead

- ✓ Sept 21, Men's Study, 8-9:30am.
- ✓ September 22, New Song Chili Cook-Off, following worship
- ✓ September 24, WPA Pastor's Ignite Gathering hosted by New Song
- ✓ October 26, Women's Conference at New Song.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** Proceeds support Children of Promise.

 Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- $\checkmark \ \mathsf{New Song FB \ Live:} \ \mathsf{https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh}$
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



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9/1/2024 \$ 4,323.35	\$ 3,560.25	9/1/2024	\$ 0.00	9/1/2024	\$ 0.00	9/1/2024	\$ 20.00
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New Song Notes,

Pastor Herb Shaffer

The Humble Secret to Good Relationships

September 8, 2024



1 John 4:20 ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. **1 John 4:20** (ESV)

REVIEW

- → Genesis 1-11 context of history is spiritual war, unseen and seen
- → Life is about relationships and partnership in ordinary living Matthew 5:13–14 (ESV) ¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- **2 Corinthians 2:14–16 (ESV)** ¹⁴But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?
- → Relationships are the primary spiritual war battleground
- → A Lifestyle of deep humility is required
 See James 4:1–12 and 1 Peter 5:6–11 (last week's message)
 Philippians 2:1–5 (ESV) (pew Bible page 981)
- ➤ <u>Pride</u>: self-focus in obvious and nonobvious ways
- > Humility: true view of God, others and self

Essential realities for those serious about following Christ

1. True humility is required – not optional.

- → Our default is pride even after committing to Christ Luke 16:14–15 (ESV) ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
 - → Transformation, becoming like Christ, requires deep surrender Luke 9:23 (ESV) ²³And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

2. True humility is painful, hard, life-long work.

1 Corinthians 9:26–27 (ESV) ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

→ Surrender, Listen, ask questions, Obey

→ Be a "don't know it all" "I might be wrong... I might be the problem... I still have things to learn and ways to change...."

3. True humility receives and gives correction.

Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV) (pew Bible page 975)

- → Seek correction
- ▶ Live and speak truth in love as a lifestyle
 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- ➤ Walk in others' shoes
 Luke 6:31 (ESV) And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.
- → *Lean into discomfort* of correction; don't rush to comfort

What do we do with this?

➤ Most walk away from true humility, but for those who walk INTO it...
Ephesians 3:14–19 (ESV)

The challenge: lean into deep, deep brokenness and true humility as we follow Jesus

- What stuck out to you?
- What is God saying about what stuck out?
- ☑ What do you need to do in response?





Living Our Utmost for His Highest

"with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death." Philippians 1:20a (ESV)

- **†** Pay Attention around us and what God says about it
- **+** Be Ready developing God's skill-set and mind-set
- **+ Soldiering Together** rejoicing, weeping and sharpening TOGETHER