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WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?

Spiritual Pride

Week 4

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Sermon Notes

Luke 18:9-12 NASB 9And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

When we are **full** of ourselves, there is no room for God.

Luke 18:13-14 NASB 13"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

When we **empty** ourselves, we are in the perfect position to be filled by God's grace.

When we empty ourselves, we are in the perfect position to be **used** by God.

Pride is about my glory; **humility** is about God's glory!

Matthew 5:16 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Summary:

Journey with us in the last installment of our transformative sermon series, "WHAT WOULD JESUS UNDO?" as we delve into the theme of "Spiritual Pride." Through Luke 18:9-14, we confront the timeless parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, exposing the pitfalls of self-righteousness and the virtue of humility before God. The Pharisee's boastful prayer starkly contrasts with the tax collector's humble plea for mercy, revealing that when consumed by pride, there's no room for God's grace. Yet, in embracing humility, we create a vessel for God's transformative power to work within us. This sermon underscores the truth that emptying ourselves of pride allows God's glory to radiate through our lives, aligning with the call of Matthew 5:16 to be beacons of

light, drawing others to glorify our Heavenly Father. Join us as we unpack the profound lesson that pride seeks personal glory, while humility magnifies God's glory in our lives.