

# PRIDE AND HUMILITY

## Can I really do it all?

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### - Pride and Humility<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)

## Be Humble- We're finite

### - Finite time

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry! And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. (Isaiah 40:6-7)

### - Finite power

<sup>12</sup> Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? (Isaiah 40:12)

### - Finite control

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (James 4:13-16)

### - Finite impact

<sup>15</sup> Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales... (Isaiah 40:15, 17)

### - Finite knowledge

<sup>13</sup> Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? <sup>14</sup> Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? (Isaiah 40:13-14)

## Have Dignity- from the infinite one

### - Nothing else gives true dignity

### - God humbly gives dignity<sup>2</sup>

- To all humanity

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen. 1:27)

- To his people

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:10-11).

### - So humbly accept our dignity



### Discussion questions

1. In what ways are you tempted to forget your creaturely limits? What does that look like for your use of time?
2. How does God given dignity protect us from too low a view of ourselves?

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<sup>1</sup> Prov 3:34, James 4:6, Phil 2:3-8, Rom 12:3

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<sup>2</sup> Psalm 113:5-6, Psalm 18:35