

OVERCOMING OUR PRIDE

By Pastor Doug

Jesus taught in ways that at times caused his disciples to say “that’s crazy!” Like when he said, “Happy are the meek, for they will inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). Another meaning is *happy are those who are humble*. If we mention the word meek, we usually associate it with words like having no backbone or a pushover. Or, someone who is shy and apologetic, over-modest, or who gets treated like a doormat.

But that’s not really as it is. Meekness is a poised humility, a quiet confidence generated out of trusting something to be true. And the Christian life offers something strong and true, a guide for life that is strong and stable.

The Bible tells us this in James 4:10, “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” Some people don’t like hearing that because they think humbling themselves leaves them open to ridicule of being weak. Maybe you’ve said to yourself, *“I don’t need that teaching—I have enough personality and talent to make it through life on my own. I can look after myself, and can achieve my ambitions and make a difference in the world.”* You don’t need this humility stuff.

Pride gets in the way of growing in Jesus . . .

The danger of being so prideful is how it gets in the way of our dependency on God. Pride can eat away at our soul like termites, and the Bible is full of warnings about self-promotion. If we put our own interests above the interests of others, our family, friends, neighbors, strangers, then pride is getting in the way and we don’t know much about true humility. Pride keeps us from knowing the truth about ourselves and how much we need God in our lives, and how much we need each other. C.S. Lewis used to say, “If you think you are not conceited, you are very conceited indeed.”

Humility is the path towards greater dependency on God . . .

Being a Christian is all about following Jesus, the one who laid down his life for us. It is all about knowing him, trusting him, and becoming like him. We need to understand the humility of Jesus. He said, “Come to me all you who are burdened,

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Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: PHILIPPIANS —
Hanging Tough Together . . .
and Loving It!

February 7 — (Phil. 2:1-11)
Laying Down Rights

February 14 — (Phil. 2:12-30)
Lights In The World
- Craig Peters , Equip Ministries

February 21 — (Phil. 3:1-16)
Growing Deeper
- Dave Arron

February 28 — (Phil. 3:17-21)
Look Above

Community Meal

Saturday, Feb. 20th

6—7 pm

COMMUNITY MEAL— FEBRUARY 20TH

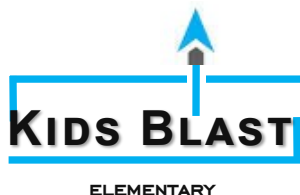


We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, February 20th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) Meals are first come, first serve until the food runs out. Please note that we are taking donations if you would like to help support this ministry. Please contact Emily Winans if you would like to volunteer for this outreach: Tel—(240) 405-4003 or Email—winanse@gmail.com

Upcoming Community Meals: Saturday, March 20

YOUTH GROUPS

- **Young Adult** study with Arlen Gerig meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at MCC.
- **Ontrack** (Jr. High) and **Student Life** (Sr. High) youth groups are postponed until April 11th. We meet Sunday nights.
- **Kids Blast** (kindergarten-5th grade) meets on Wednesday but has been postponed until April 14th.



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GROUPS.

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and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

St. Augustine said, “For those who would learn God’s ways, humility is the first thing, the second thing, and humility is the third thing.” Peter said in his epistle, “Serve each other with humble spirits, for God gives special blessings to those who are humble, but sets himself against those who are proud” (1 Peter 5:5-6).

Did you know that Almighty God has commended humility and delights to see it in his people? The Prophet Isaiah says, “The high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in that high and holy place where those with contrite, humble spirits dwell; and I refresh the humble and give new courage to those with repentant hearts” (Isaiah 57:15).

To be humble means to recognize we are not self-sufficient. Instead we are to grow in a deeper dependency on God for all we need. He is our sufficiency. All we have comes from him: our lives, our salvation, our hope, our strengths and abilities. Everything is given by God and nothing is our own.

AMORE NIGHT FUNDRAISER—MARCH 12TH

As we prepare to once again send our kids to camp for this year's mission trip, please consider one of the following ways to support our youth:

1. Pick Up a Dinner and Donate Funds

AMORE NIGHT ON THE RUN—FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH FROM 6-7:00 PM

Lasagna dinner, salad, bread, & dessert. You will drive up and we will bring the dinner out to you in a carryout package. A donation bucket will be there for you to donate to our youth mission trip. Checks can be made out to Medina Community Church or you can make a cash donation.

To reserve your dinner(s) (please be sure and indicate the number of dinners you would like), please go to www.https://rsvp.church/r/DIQSmU14



2. Silent Auction Virtual Style

We will also be streaming the silent auction that will take place from 7-8:00 pm. You'll be able to see the baskets on our Facebook page ahead of time. We are working out the details for how you will make a bid.

3. Support a Teen For Camp

\$300 for a camp scholarship.

We really appreciate how you as a church have supported our teens in the past so they can go on these life changing trips. THANKS for considering a way you can help out.



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