



Sermon Outline

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Luke 18:35-43

Living With Weakness Without Losing Your Soul

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We can live like we believe that _____ and
_____ determine value.

“What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?...This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself” - Blaise Pascal

How do we respond to our brokenness?

_____: losing ourselves in performance, accomplishments, and busyness to convince ourselves and others that our reality really isn't as bad as it is.

_____: thinking the reality is worse than it is and losing hope in any solution to fill the void we feel.

“Every man knocking on the door of a brothel is searching for God.” – Bruce Marshall

How does Jesus respond to brokenness?

Matt. 5:3 - Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus thinks that there are unique spiritual _____ in those who are poor, broken, and desperate, because they are more truly connected to the reality of their existence than those who can more easily conceal or deny their neediness.

“Our capacity to receive grace is directly _____ to the degree to which we own our brokenness.” – Judith Hougen

The beggar both accepts his identity as _____ and receives his identity as _____.

2 Cor. 12:9 - ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Our deepest ministry and our most Christ-like service always emerges from the brokenness and weaknesses that have met the _____.

_____ is the fullness of God received in the midst of our brokenness.

Two Takeaways

1. We will _____ grow past our extreme _____.
2. Jesus calls you to _____ who you are so you can _____ the fullness of who He is.

Revelation 5:6a - Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne...