

Pride Prejudice.... Preservation!
A Personal and Small Group Experience

Pride really manifests itself in a powerful way when it shows up as prejudice. That can be so destructive. In addition to the most popular forms of prejudice, race, socio-economic, etc., I think I am prejudice when I let labels stick on people like my wife and kids and really “make them pay” everyday by the way I look at them for a label that might not be true at all true.

Then when you think about how Pride can build walls between congregations and denominations within Christianity the Wall of Preservation can really wreak havoc. I remember a denominational church leader once told me, “When I go into a church and discover they spend more time and energy telling stories and having celebrations about the past than telling stories and having celebrations about their present and future.... Well they are in trouble.”

Take a look again at the WALLS of PRIDE, PREJUDICE and PRESERVATIONS! Look at the definitions from the notes and talk about the conversation we had Sunday. Now discuss these three WALLS and their relevancy in different arenas of you life.

You and your closest friends and family!

Relationships within the congregation of Christians!

Relationships between Christians who are different from each other!

Relationships between different churches within a community!

How is it really and how would God have it be?

Now spend some time soaking in Truth and Grace concerning the WALLS of Pride, Prejudice and Preservation! How does God desire us to live and act? Notice the role of humility! What is God calling you to do in response to this discussion and His Word?

Ephesians 4: 11-22

Philippians 2:1-16

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Practicing Breaking Through?

“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

This Page has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

The Center Pages contain the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from www.pointofgracechurch.org

The Back Page has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

Scripture & Meditation Guide - October 10-15

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offload- ing your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond? Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Notice the promises you see!

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:11-22

Wednesday: Ephesians 4:1-6

Thursday: Ephesians 5:1-7

Friday: Philippians 2:1-4

Saturday: Philippians 2:5-15