

It is accessed by faith and it's fueled by humility. Let me give you a thought, dear brothers and sisters, because this is something that has influenced me a lot. Humility is not a response to my brokenness because of sin.

That is a very pathetic second grade humility. The humility that God is desiring is the humility of Jesus. Jesus says, take my yoke and learn from me for I am humble at heart.

How many sins did Jesus commit? The humility I am after is after the humility of Jesus that has nothing to do with sin. It is a completely different ball game altogether. And I'm not saying that we are not humbled when we sin.

And God help us, we better be humble at least when we sin. But that's scratching at the surface. That's the first step just to get your introduction into, let me whet your appetite to what this thing humility is.

Because God wants to open up a world of humility that has nothing to do with sin. And that is the life of Jesus who said, learn humility from me. I who never sinned, who was tempted in all points and never sinned, I'm humble and I'm contrite in spirit.

I'm very contrite in spirit. How did Jesus do that? I used to think that the only way I'm humble is because I think about all my past sins. No, the humility of Jesus is completely separate from sin.

Who is the greatest worshiper? Jesus. Who is the greatest preacher? Jesus. Who is the humblest person on this earth? Jesus.

I must study the life of Jesus. I must make Jesus my hero. So where does humility of Jesus, where did the humility of Jesus come from? Because he saw himself and he saw the father.

And it says in John chapter 5 verse 18 and he says in many different places, I can do nothing on my own initiative except if I see my father doing it. That was the humility of Jesus. That wasn't the humility of Jesus because he'd blown it 50 million times and finally said, okay God, I guess you better have your way.

No, that's not the humility of Jesus. The humility of Jesus was from the beginning of time when he was living on this earth. He said, I will do nothing of my own initiative.

The words I speak are not my own. If I really believe that the words I speak are not my own when I'm speaking, there will be no chance of me getting proud. If you knew that I was just reading a text that my dad had given me two hours ago, I wouldn't be proud.

You'd be like, dude, you're not getting any credit for this. Your dad, you wrote the whole sermon. I would know, nothing to be proud about.

If Christ wrote the sermon and gave it to me, then there's no chance of me being proud. Jesus was so convinced that the words I speak are not my own. I do nothing of my own initiative.

I'm here to do the will of the father. Jesus must be my example. Jesus must be the one I look to when I look and study his life and I say, Lord, how were you so humble? One of my fellow elders was telling me the other, was speaking on church on Sunday and he said, I think Jesus must have been spanked when he was a child.

He was dead serious and I believe him. He said because Jesus was perfect, but his parents were not. And his parents must have thought Jesus did something wrong when he didn't and must have spanked him.

Can you imagine this picture of Jesus sitting in his room, crying out of the physical pain and not sinning even once. Daddy and mommy got it wrong. When you think about the humility of Jesus and the fact that he never sinned, it'll blow your mind.

There are so many different things that we can think about Jesus and his life and we must be laser focused, your brothers and sisters are making it about Jesus and Jesus alone. Sadhu Sudarsingh was one of the greatest saints who lived in India in the 20th century. He told a story about when he was walking in the forest one day and he saw a bird that was squawking wildly in a tree and the crowd was gathering and he saw that this tree was on fire and this mother bird was squawking because its little children were there in the nest and the fire was creeping up the tree and the bird was frantic, didn't know what to do and was trying to appeal to these children, baby birds who were too small to fly to get out but didn't know what to do.

It didn't have the strength to pull them out. And as the fire crept creeping, the squawking and the cries of the bird grew louder but nothing could happen. And just as the fire was creeping up over the nest, Sadhu Sudarsingh says he saw that what the mother bird finally did is the mother bird in one final act of desperation just dropped itself and covered up all the children.

That's the best a mother could do. And they all got burnt up, mother and children. But Sadhu Sudarsingh was saying what a beautiful description of love.

That's what Jesus did for us. He saw the fire of hell coming to burn us up and he threw himself into it. That is love.

There's one difference in the story though. He got burnt up, we escaped. We got out but he paid the price.

This is the fuel that says I want to be like you Jesus.

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