

## Sermon Outline: 4.26.26

Sermon Series: **How the Least Becomes the Greatest**  
Sermon Title: *Follow Jesus*  
Sermon Text: Philippians 2:3-11



(Matthew 23:11-12)

(We'll review last week's basic outline below.)

**How the Least Becomes the Greatest**  
**Don't Let Pride Hide, Crucify It!**  
*Pride is Subtle, it Hides!*  
*Pride is Destructive, God Opposes It!*  
*Pride Dies, When Humility Bows!*

(Insert Graphic 1... "Two Prides" from the next page.)

## **How the Least Becomes the Greatest**

### **FOLLOW JESUS!**

(Insert Quote 6)

(Philippians 2:3-5)

#### ***His Mindset!***

(Insert Quote 7)

(Philippians 2:3, 2:5)

(Philippians 2:6-8)

#### ***His Movement!***

(Isaiah 53:2-3)

(Luke 22:24-27)

(John 13:4-5)

(Hebrews 12:2)

#### ***His Moment!***

(Matthew 23:12)

(1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6)

(James 4:10)

(Romans 8:18)

(Proverbs 22:4)

(Quote 3)

Thomas Aquinas:

*“Humility is the foundation of every virtue.”*

(Quote 4)

Augustine of Hippo:

*“It was pride that changed angels into devils,  
and humility that makes men as angels.”*

(Quote 5)

Jonathan Edwards:

*“Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil’s reach as humility.”*

(Graphic 1)

**TWO TREES. TWO KINDS OF PRIDE.**  
THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE ROOTS.

**GOOD PRIDE (SELF-RESPECT)**  
Rooted in truth.  
Focused on growth.  
Bears fruit that blesses others.

- DEEPLY ROOTED**  
Draws strength from God and His Word.
- STEADY IN STORMS**  
Built to last through every season.
- BEARS FRUIT**  
Produces good things that help others.
- HUMBLY STRONG**  
Doesn't need applause.  
Gives God the glory.

**CONFIDENT. GROUNDED. FRUITFUL.**

*“Let your roots grow down into Him...”  
– COLOSSIANS 2:7*

**VS.**

**BAD PRIDE (ARROGANCE)**  
Rooted in self.  
Focused on appearance.  
Bears little and eventually falls.

- SHALLOW ROOTS**  
Built on self instead of a solid foundation.
- SEEKING ATTENTION**  
Needs approval and recognition.
- LITTLE FRUIT**  
All show, but no lasting impact.
- EASILY FALLS**  
Can't stand in the storms of life.

**PROUD. EMPTY. UNSTABLE.**

*“Pride goes before destruction...”  
– PROVERBS 16:18*

**THE DIFFERENCE ISN'T HOW TALL THE TREE IS... IT'S HOW DEEP THE ROOTS GO.**

*“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” – JAMES 4:6*

**TAKEAWAY:**  
There's a kind of pride that stands tall because it's rooted deep in God—and there's a kind that stands tall because it's full of itself.

**ONE BENDS LOW AND FEEDS OTHERS... THE OTHER EVENTUALLY FALLS.**

(Quote 6)

*“Kenosis is not Jesus becoming less than God, but...  
God choosing to live as a Servant.”*

(Quote 7)

C.S. Lewis:

*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself...  
Humility is thinking of yourself less.”*