

They Wanted A Coat Like His
“Dealing with Insecurities & Pride”

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I want to share a Story of **Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson** Went camping, after a good meal, they turned in for the night some hours later Holmes woke up he Nudged his friend Watson “ Watson” look up tell me what you see? Watson says I see millions of stars, Well what does that tell you Sherlock asked? Watson pondered a minute – He said Astronomically it tells me that are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets Astrologically I observed that Saturn is in Leo- Horologic I determined that the time is a quarter pass three. Theologically I can see that God is all-powerful that we are small and insignificant. While Meteorologically I suspect it will be a beautiful day tomorrow- why what does it tell you Sherlock? - Holmes was silent for a minute – “Watson – you idiot –somebody has stolen our tent! (Stupid)

Hores Rockem went to the president of Michigan Saving Bank in 1903 He asked counsel of the president concerning an investment of \$5000 in a brand new company called Ford Motor – The president said the horse is here to stay – the automobile is only a novelty. But Rockem went ahead and invested his \$5000 dollars in Fords stock sold several years later sold it for 12.5 million dollars

Decca records in 1962 had an opportunity to sign a music act but they said QT “ we don’t like their sound” groups of guitars are on their way out. Decca did not sign the Beatles.

The president of Digital Equipment Corporation – Said “ there is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home.

Michael Jordan’s High school basketball coach – “you have no potential”

Who’s dumping on your dream who’s telling you what your not? What you can’t be?

Who’s limiting the tremendous potential Gods put within you?

How this message came about,

Naomi’s story in class she had on about Joseph and the coat –“like a Rainbow” Tell me what you learned? Well his brothers were mean to him and threw him in prison! I asked why did they do that? First time – cause, cause, I don’t know! You don’t know why they were mean?

Yes “because they wanted a coat like his”

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What caused these brothers to “hate” Joseph?

You might say it was the unfair treatment and favoritism from the father.

You might say that his gifts were different maybe out in front of his brothers he was a visionary.

In part I think all of these contributed to the “hate” but I also think it may have simply exposed some hidden issues of Joseph’s brother’s hearts.

They were comparing themselves to one another. They all wanted the father's approval, the father's love and affection.

They were competing for their father's love. (Out of 11 children getting special attention would be a big deal) But one day Joseph showed up with a special coat (*coat like a rainbow*) from dad that settled it. All the jockeying for position and attention was over. (He was the clearly the man! The winner) BUT they felt that he didn't deserve such great favor, such love and position.

After all they were the ones taking care of all the hard work in the desert heat. tending to the flocks and cattle. Fighting off predators and the elements.

All of them must have felt that they deserved this place of prestige above him. And in comes Joe – with the trophy and not only as if that wasn't enough he has the audacity to dream about ruling over them one day and then telling them about it! TALK ABOUT -rubbing salt in their wounds) it was like saying “that's right I 'm the man “I'm the coolest” Uh huh! Check me out! Not just once but Twice (Joe had a big mouth) The father gave the robe to Joseph In a effort to provoke the other brothers to do right and live right and he would “approve them too”

Let's look at a similar story in the New Testament. Turn with me to **John 13: 1** I will catch up to you in minute a couple of verses I want to pick up on the way.

Luke 9:46-47 46 *Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. 47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, KJV*

Look just 13 chapters later **Luke 22:23**

Guess what they are talking about now?

Luke 22:23-26 23 And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. 24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 26 But ye shall not be so: **but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.** KJV

John's rendition of the last supper

***John 13:3-16** *Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and **laid aside his garments;** and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.*

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. KJV**

Food for thought – is Jesus instituting foot washing or is He giving us an example of service? I would like to ask you to use your imagination with me lets see if we can step into the room on this night.

The conversation may have sounded something like this

“I’m the Greatest” I’m his favorite, I’m the best!

Peter might have said “well I’m the only one who walked on water, I saw him transfigured, I was the only one who knew the right answer that he was the Christ the son of God” So Well I saw Him baptized and besides that He called me first before any of you all.

John: Well I leaned on his chest at dinner- I’m really the closest to him

Judas - Well, He let’s me take care of the money that means he trust me more than any of you.

Matthew- Well I’m the most intelligent and well known in all the land. I’m the most important disciple!

Nathaniel- Well when he called me He said I was a Nazazrite with whom there was no guile.

Oh yeah – well yea but you couldn’t even cast that devil out So, neither could you.

Peter Hey you didn’t walk on the water you just sit there scared in the boat saying “ it’s a ghost its ghost” plus, remember this He paid my taxes for me with a coin I got in a fishes mouth Well he always stayed at my house and we would fix him dinner and talk I’m His favorite. Yeah but you two went and got your momma to ask him to be the greatest James & John

Can you hear this? What if you were there? what would have you been doing?

How do these stories apply to us? What do we need to do?

[How to deal with Pride and insecurities in our life. # 1](#)

[I. We Have To Stop Comparing Ourselves To Others.](#)

A. [2 Cor 10:12](#) 12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: **but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.**

The Living 2 Cor 10:12 12 Oh, don't worry, I wouldn't dare say that I am as wonderful as these other men who tell you how good they are! Their trouble is that they are only comparing themselves with each other and measuring themselves against their own little ideas. What stupidity! TLB

B. [Prov 29:25](#) *The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. KJV – stop being afraid of not measuring up to others – you answer to God!*

C. [1 Cor 4:3-5](#) *3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. 4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. KJV*

D. [Prov 13:10](#) *Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

No other way! If there were no pride there would be no place for contention.
It is impossible for contention to exist without pride being present.
If there are people fighting there is someone in pride!

Only by pride comes people putting others down. If you hear someone talking about someone else negatively there is pride present in there somewhere!

[How do we keep Pride out?](#)

[II. Keep Jesus as your Standard.](#)

ST: It is impossible to get into pride when you are comparing yourself to Jesus.

Anyone here more perfect than Jesus? Anyone superior to him? Anyone greater? – how about accomplished more with your life?

Ok then how do we get into trouble? When we Love ourselves incorrectly!

When we see ourselves too small and love ourselves too little it will produce insecurities.

When we see ourselves too big and love ourselves too much it will produce pride.

Illustration Glasses – Perspective

We have to understand that our value is not based upon our possessions but our inheritance! Its Who's we are not what we have or don't have!

It's not based upon our place in this world. Who we know, or who knows us.

But it's knowing Him! and knowing our position in Christ. Who we are IN CHRIST!

[Phil 3:10](#) *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; KJV*

Gal 2:20 *20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. KJV*

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St Ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.**

PREVENT:

A. Keep your focus on Jesus.

B. Heb 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. KJV*

C. Phil 1:6 *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: KJV*

He is our example- def:-the one that is the representative of a group our model, our pattern to follow we are to imitate Him make duplicates of HIM **We are to Follow Him**

TURN WITH ME to John 21:18-24 *18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. 19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 Then Peter, **turning about,** seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and **what shall this man do?** 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? **follow thou me.** KJV*

D. We are Born of God We have His nature in us. We are His Children.

Rom 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. KJV*

How well you love your neighbor is based on how well you love yourself.- how you see your self will determine how you see others.

Your relationships are determined by those who love you or those who refuse to love you or perhaps the ones with whom you refuse to love.

Destinies are attached to relationships- Elijah- Elisha, Moses- Joshua- Paul and Timothy – Samson and Delilah – only takes one wrong relationship in your life to destroy your destiny.

Your acceptance and forgiveness of yourself is in direct relation to how you will forgive others.

1 John 4:20-21 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. KJV

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III. To Serve One Another In Love

Phil 2:1-9 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: KJV

? *Why do people not serve one another / It's pride / too high of image self*

* *Pride issue – think of ourselves more highly than we ought*

* *Why our standard is Jesus not each other. Its not what you do for me or what I do for you its What we do for the Lord.*

Pride Scriptures:

Prov 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. KJV

Prov 11:2 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Prov 13:10 *10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

Prov 16:18 18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Prov 29:23 23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. KJV

Gal 5:13-16 *13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another,*

take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. KJV

The Robes of Christ

Matthew 27:28 And they stripped him, and put on him a **scarlet robe**. KJV

Matthew 27:31 And after that they had mocked him, they **took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him**, and led him away to crucify him. KJV

Luke 23:11 11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a **gorgeous robe**, and sent him again to Pilate. KJV

John 19:2 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a **purple robe**, KJV

John 19:5 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and **the purple robe**. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! KJV

Rev 6:9-14 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? **11 And white robes were given unto every one of them;** and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Rev 7:9-16 9 *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred's, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes**, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. **13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.** *KJV**

Rachel to Come!

Isaiah 61:10 Isa 61:10 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. KJV

God has given us all His favorite robe- we are all His favorite- He has placed His affection upon us. Now let's go out and change our City, change our nation, change our world.

Altar Call

Num 6:24-26 *24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. KJV*