A Worshipper's Character
Session 11

I. Humility: The Character of Christ

A. Humility is an _____ choice.

Matthew 21:44 (KJV)
"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be **broken**: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to **powder**."

Broken – small pieces
Powder – powder

B. Humility is_____.

Your brokenness creates openness for the receiving of HIS power and strength.

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NIV)
To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But 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.** That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.** *(emphasis added)*

- Weakness is defined as our inability to obey God in our own strength.
- It is not possible to live the life God expects of us on our own. He adds His strength to our weakness. This power, this help, is called GRACE!

  Philippians 2:13 (NLT)
  For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him.

C. Humility is being_____.

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."
~ John Wooden

Humility is the substructure of all transformation. You can't begin to change unless you realize your need for change.

"God created the world out of nothing, and as long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us." ~ Martin Luther

Being teachable is a sign of humility because it shows we don't think we know it all.

"Those of you who think you know everything are annoying those of us who actually do."

D. Humility is _____.

Submission to authority is the greatest proof of humility.

How you submit to earthly authority is a true reflection of one's heart and motives.

The true test of submission is when you submit to an authority that you don't agree with.

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)
Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. *(emphasis added)*

Obedience deals with your _____.

Submission deals with your_____.