

2026-03-15 Points

Title: The Posture of Humility: Bowing Down to the Greater

Sermon Summary:

This sermon challenges believers to examine their posture before Christ, both physically and spiritually. The pastor emphasizes that throughout Scripture, encounters with Jesus consistently resulted in people falling to their knees in recognition of His greatness. He contrasts America's "underdog spirit" with the modern "victim spirit," calling Christians to be victors through Christ rather than victims of circumstance. The central message is that genuine faith requires humility and submission to Jesus as Lord, not just in desperate moments, but in regular worship and gratitude. The pastor warns that while we may never physically bow to earthly authorities, we must practice bowing to Jesus now, preparing our hearts for potential persecution and ensuring our allegiance is firmly established. True discipleship involves recognizing we are the "lesser" before the "greater" and responding with humble obedience to Christ's commands.

Key Points:

- Christians should move from a victim mentality to a victor mentality through Christ's power
- Jesus overcame the ultimate adversity through His death and resurrection, providing our example
- Throughout Scripture, people consistently bowed down or fell at Jesus' feet when encountering Him
- Bowing down represents recognizing Jesus as the greater and ourselves as the lesser
- We should practice humility before Christ not just in desperation, but in worship and thanksgiving
- True salvation includes following Jesus, not just acknowledging Him
- Discipleship means obeying Christ's commands, including the Great Commission to make disciples
- We must prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for potential persecution and suffering
- Physical posture can reflect and reinforce spiritual posture of humility

- The question is not "What's the least I can do?" but "What else can I do for Jesus?"

Scripture Reference:

- Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)
- Luke 4:5-8 (Jesus' temptation by Satan)
- Luke 5:1-11 (Peter's calling and the miraculous catch of fish)
- Luke 5:12-14 (The leper who fell with his face to the ground)
- Luke 5:17-26 (The paralytic lowered through the roof)
- Luke 7:36-50 (The sinful woman who wept at Jesus' feet)
- Luke 8:26-39 (The demon-possessed man of the Gerasenes)
- Luke 8:40-56 (Jairus' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood)
- Luke 22 (Jesus praying in Gethsemane)
- Matthew 28 (The Great Commission)
- Philippians 2 (Every knee will bow)

Stories:

- The 1980 Olympics when the American hockey team defeated the Russian professionals
- The pastor's wedding ceremony for Matthew and Nyla, reminding him of his marriage commitments
- Historical account of Nero's persecution of Christians, including lighting his garden with burning Christians on stakes
- The rich young ruler who came to Jesus but wouldn't give up his wealth (Luke 18)
- Zacchaeus, the tax collector in the tree who encountered Jesus and gave away his wealth
- Peter's miraculous catch of fish and his response of falling at Jesus' knees
- The leper who fell face down before Jesus seeking healing
- The paralytic whose friends lowered him through the roof
- The demon-possessed naked man who lived in tombs and was delivered
- Jairus whose daughter was dying and the woman with 12 years of bleeding
- Ben Helms' practice of putting his shoes under the bed to start each day on his knees
- The pastor's covenant with his wife Julie that they would not deny Jesus

even under threat of death