



Introduction - The "Thin Paint" Trap

We often try to make our resources, our time, or even our integrity go a "wee bit further" by thinning them out. Like the story of Jacque the painter, we might think we're getting away with a competitive edge, only to find that the "storms" of life wash away the veneer. This week, we explore the concept of **Hubris**—that dangerous overconfidence that tells us our shortcut is better than God's map—and how to find the "Better Way Home" through realignment and obedience.

Scripture Focus:

- James 1:5 - Matthew 16:13-18 - Mark 12:30-31 - John 8:1-11 - Micah 6:8

Discussion Questions:

1. **The "Check Engine" Light:** The sermon compares Lent to a car alignment. In what area of your life (relationships, habits, or work) do you feel a "pull to the left or right" lately?
2. **The Hubris Factor:** Pastor Mike defined hubris as "dangerous overconfidence." Can you share a time when you were "undaunted" in a wrong direction because you refused to admit you were lost?
3. **Recognizing your "Julio":** In the Guatemala story, a stranger provided the hard truth needed to turn around. Who are the people in your life allowed to tell you, "**Stop, turn around, and go back**"?
4. **The Professional vs. The Personal:** Peter made a powerful profession of faith in [Matthew 16:13-18](#). Does your "outside-the-building" life currently reflect your "inside-the-building" profession?
5. **Redirection, Not Condemnation:** Look at the story of the woman caught in adultery in [John 8:1-11](#). Why is it significant that Jesus says "Go and sin no more" *after* offering grace, rather than as a condition to receive it?
6. **The Repaint Order:** What is one "bad paint job" in your life (a habit or attitude) that God is asking you to strip off and repaint this week?