

Luke 9:46-50

- ✓ Last time saw that humility is reality, its who we are, its child status so God can be in the Father status, it's a cringing beggar so that God can be our total supply.
 - ✓ **Matthew 5:3-4**, Jesus is making a prescription for a happy life, "happy are those who...", prescription of poverty of spirit, vulnerability, neediness, dependency.
 - ✓ You can either be strong in yourself, self-sufficient, self-supplied, prideful, and arrogant, or you can be strong in Him, but you can't be both.
 - ✓ You'll either be broken in one or you will be broken in the other.
 - ✓ God's prescription is that we be broken in ourselves.
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1. A man who needed breaking: Genesis 32:23-24, 25

- ✓ He wrestled with God. It's made clear in several places, but you can hear it in what he names the place. **Verse 30**.
 - ✓ He wrestled with God and won! **Verse 28**
 - ✓ Have you never wrestled God? Over a decision? Over a direction? Over obedience? and won?
 - ✓ Our wrestling and winning is our main problem as opposed to surrendering, submission, dependency, and brokenness.
 - ✓ Our problem is that we keep winning! It's time that we lose!
 - ✓ Did Jacob actually win? God could have crushed him, but instead he just broke him so that He could be useful.
 - ✓ God could just crush us, but he chooses to break us so that we can be useful to him.
 - ✓ He left permanently broken **Verses 31-32**.
 - ✓ God had to break him to change his character.
 - ✓ God has got to break us to change us, He's got to break our terrible habits of self-reliance, and self-focus, our pride and arrogance.
 - ✓ Jacob has to limp to become Israel!
 - ✓ It is why this is true for us: **Psalms 51:17**. How very important brokenness is!
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2. A second man who needed breaking: 2 Corinthians 12:5-7

- ✓ Another broken man, the problem is still pride, but there is something different about his circumstances.
 - ✓ Jacob was already a prideful cheat, Paul wasn't!
 - ✓ To keep Paul humble, God allowed this trouble in his life.
 - ✓ Its super hard to give greatness to sinners because they will take credit for it.
 - ✓ "That the power of Christ might rest on me" – sometimes it can't rest on us because we would take credit for it.
 - ✓ Can you be trusted with His glory?
 - ✓ God had a great asset in the apostle Paul and had invested even more in him, but in order to hedge His investment, He allowed this trouble.
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Luke 9: The Prideful Look, Part 4

- ✓ It was given to Him to “Buffet” him, a word used for a blow with a clenched fist, a body blow.
- ✓ Hear what Paul is saying: **“I’m so much better for it.”**
- ✓ Have you got anything in your life that gives you a body blow?
- ✓ Allow it to do what God has allowed it for, to break you of your pride, self-reliance and bring you to a place of humility and God-reliance.
