

RECAP

Reflecting on last week's practice was there anything that you sensed God calling you to repent and turn away from? How did you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to obey him this week?

IDEA 1

In this sermon, Efrain focused on Ezekiel 28. This passage describes God's judgment against the King of Tyre who had been corrupted by pride. He was guilty of excluding God, elevating himself and exploiting his power that led to injustice. But as Efrain pointed out, this destructive pattern of pride is something that we can't exclude ourselves from.

Why do you think that we are all susceptible to the destructive pattern of pride in our lives?

Can you think of an example in your own life where you've given into the temptation of pride?

What are ways that we can protect ourselves from being corrupted by pride?

IDEA 2

God's response to the king of Tyre's pride is judgment. We see God's hatred of abusive power and yet God takes no delight in the process of judgment and destruction of leaders. Through the example of Jesus, we see God's desire to reorder power by giving it up for the sake of others.

Why do you think God takes pride so seriously?

Can you think of a time in your life where you had to enact a form of judgment on someone else? How did it feel? How might that experience reveal some of God's heart towards those he judges?

IDEA 2

What examples in Jesus' life can you think of where he gave up his power for the sake of others?

What areas in your life do you find yourself in a place of power? What would Jesus do in those moments if he were you?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Like Israel, you might be asking “But where is your justice, God? Where is your power in my most time of need?”

Efrain shared an experience where he found himself questioning God’s justice and power. Through healing prayer he encountered God’s love in this place of woundedness. This is something we too can experience in our own lives.

Take 5-10 minutes in silence together or you may like to put some worship music on in the background. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal a moment of pain where you may have found yourself questioning the justice of God.

As it comes to mind - ask Jesus the question - where were you in this moment of pain?

As you reconstruct this moment in your mind, look for what Jesus is doing? saying? feeling towards you?

After the time you’ve allotted is over, have people split up into 3’s or 4’s and share about their experience. If you don’t experience anything during this time, that’s okay. Don’t feel like you have to make something up.

NEXT STEPS

Efrain left us with a couple next steps in response to the seduction of pride in our lives:

- **Rhythms of Humility** - Giving up power for the sake of the others
- **Rhythms of Hope** - Choosing to believe in God's power in the places you've felt the most injustice.

What does it look like for you to give up power this week for the sake of others?

How can you choose to hope in God's power and justice where you've felt the most injustice?