

After all she's deserved it. That's how the devil steals our delight and joy. Father wants us to enjoy the things we do. Father wants us to delight in what we achieve, not because it makes us better, but because it's a living expression of him, it's because we've shared life together.

In Jesus no one is better or worse; we are all, "Father's children, chosen and marked by his love, delight of his life." (Matt. 3:17 The Message) Notice that didn't say we never make a mistake. I've made heaps of

mistakes, but as Father's child I have the wonderful privilege in Jesus to repent; that is to change, grow, develop, mature. In Jesus I know who I am, so I know when I'm not living true to my identity, and I know the one who will help me stay focused, stay true.

Let us pray.  
Jesus I invite you to open my eyes to where I'm not living true to who I am in you. Send the Spirit that I grow to every

greater maturity in you. Jesus send the Spirit that I might walk into life confidently; confidently knowing who I am in you, so that my life becomes a living reflection of you, rather than me being twisted and distorted by others opinions. Jesus daily fill me with the Spirit that I walk humbly in every area of life because in you I have the confidence and truth to live true to who I am in you.



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## HUMILITY

### Beautiful Outlaw



What would you think if I told you; I'm the most humble person in the world? I'm so humble I never stand on anyone's toes? I'm so humble I let everyone have their way? I'm so humble, you won't even notice that I'm there? I'm so humble!

If someone said that to me, my first thought would be that they have no idea about humility. What is the essence of Jesus' humility?

I'm sure it wasn't that he didn't draw attention to himself; cause he did. What is the essence of Jesus' humility? Was it that he let people beat him up without retaliating?

Is that humility; being everyone's punching

bag? Jesus didn't live as everyone's punching bag. So what is the essence of Jesus' humility?

It's quite simple, but impossible for us on our own to achieve. On our own we simple can't live out this character quality of Jesus; we need to be in Jesus.

The essence of Jesus' humility is found in his identity. Jesus knows who he is. That's the beauty of his baptism, there his Father affirms Jesus identity, telling the whole world; "This is my son, whom I love, the delight of my life." (Matt. 3:17, Mark 1:11, Lk. 3:22)

Jesus has nothing to prove; his value is secure in his identity, in this most intimate

of relationships. Jesus is free to live from this relationship being true to who he is, being faithful to his Father, as together they seek to save the lost.

Jesus isn't proving himself. Jesus isn't looking to be praised so he can feel good about himself. Jesus isn't trying to find something worthwhile to do so that he doesn't feel that his life is worthless. Jesus isn't seeking approval.

Actually if Jesus was seeking approval, seeking worth, seeking praise, seeking to prove himself, what sort of life would he be living? Just listing all those things makes me feel worn-out, depressed.

If you lived seeking other people to acknowledge your worth, giving you the respect you deserve. If you lived seeking respect, because you deserved it, what impact would that have on you, on your relationships, on the way you treated other people. Especially those who didn't give you the respect you deserved.

Out of this wonderful relationship Jesus knows who he is, and lives with amazing confidence. A confidence that doesn't put anyone else down, so he can feel good about himself. A confidence that isn't fragile being built on what Jesus by other people, you've lost yourself. Your seeking, but never having. Seeking approval, seeking acceptance, seeking praise, seeking worth; always seeking but never arriving. That doesn't reflect Jesus, that's not his character.

**What is the essence of Jesus humility?**

Jesus knows who he is and lives true to who he is. That's why he is humble; he's not bragging and he's not unsure. Jesus lives true to who he is; Father's son, whom he loves and is well pleased with.

If you lived seeking other people's praise so that you could feel good about yourself. What impact would that have on you, on your relationships, on the way you treated other people. 'I want your praise, I need your praise, won't you acknowledge me. I want you to make me feel worthwhile'.

can achieve. If your confidence, your worth is built on what you can achieve, what happens when you can't achieve?

In Jesus we too are able to live humble. In Jesus it also becomes part of our personality, because in Jesus we no longer need to compete to gain worth. In Jesus we don't live from a sense of insecurity having to prove ourselves. In Jesus

What is the essence of Jesus humility? His relationship with Father.

Jesus walks through life confident, that's an integral part of being humble, being confident in who you are. Knowing who you are, before you take your first step, because once your identity is determined

we know who we are; we have acceptance, we have purpose. In Jesus we too can walk confidently; not putting other people down, not feeling worthless.

In Jesus walk confidently. In Jesus walk through life true to who you are, in every situation. That's the essence of Jesus' humility.

In baptism a wonderful thing happens; God is at work. God speaks, and I know when God speaks he creates what he says. In baptism you become united with Jesus, you are in Jesus, so everything Father said about Jesus at his baptism, in Jesus, he is saying over you. Father is creatively speaking over you.

What did Father say at Jesus baptism, hence say creatively over you; 'You are my child, whom I

love, the delight of my life'. You are now wired to live humble. In Jesus, humility is now part of your character; you're a chip of the block.

Sadly I find in life I end up believing lies more than the truth. I make a mistake and I believe I'm a failure;

**In Jesus walk confidently.**

or at least that's what the devil whispers in my ear.

Have you ever noticed that when the devil speaks he doesn't create; he steals, kills and destroys, but never, ever, does he create. That's why I call him a liar; his words are empty of life.

Today we have a baptism, where Father again speaks; 'This is my child,

love of my live, in whom I delight.' And in Jesus that becomes reality, what Father says he creates.

Our job will be to help this child grow in the truth of those words and not be deceived by the devil. For the devil will seek to deceive her.

The devil will seek to get her to believe that she isn't loved, that she isn't a person of worth and that she'd better prove herself. The devil will seek to steal this child's true identity and replace it with a needy, lost, scared spirit.

Father wants his child to celebrate and enjoy life with him. So that when she does well, she can enjoy it and not be deceived into believing that makes her better, and because she's so important she should be paid ten times as much as anyone else.