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Sermon Title: You Knew, But You Never...

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Scripture: Daniel 5:22, 23a – Belshazzar, (you) have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this, but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven...

1. God's grace and judgment aren't opposites; they're two different expressions of His love!
2. A loving God won't allow the effects of sin to defile His creation forever!
3. God's prophets don't tell people what they want to hear. They tell them what they need to hear.
4. Human pride isn't content to ignore God; it feels a need to mock Him - and His people.
5. Blasphemy is the practice of mocking God and His truth - or misusing it.
6. The use of God's Word to endorse something contrary to God's Word is a misuse of God's Word. It's blasphemy.
7. God's judgment is rarely sudden. It only appears sudden because we ignore His patience.
8. Those who refuse to turn to God will return to imposters.
9. Spiritual imposters don't improve with time.
10. Hardness of heart can effectively settle our eternal destiny long before we die.
11. We set ourselves against God when we regard God's Word as false and our own lies as truth.
(Romans 1:21-23)

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UPS

1. What are you looking forward to “doing” this summer?
2. What’s one thing you hope to “accomplish” this summer?

DISCUSSION

1. On a scale of 1-10, quickly assess your level of humility and why.
2. Do you find it easy or challenging to discern God’s voice and direction in your life? What are some ways you try to hear from Him?
3. Has God ever told you something you didn’t “want” to hear, but you “needed” to hear? What was it, and how did it impact you?
4. Are you having difficulty trusting God in some area of your life? If so, share the difficulty.
5. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- Galatians 6:7
- Romans 1:21-23
- James 4:6

PRACTICE

- Spend some time with God asking Him how you can learn to walk in greater humility. Research scripture verses that make references to humility and humbleness. What do you feel the Holy Spirit is saying through those verses?
- Spend some time alone with God in honest, self-examination asking Him if there are subtle ways you may be “misusing” His truth without being aware of it. Renounce and repent of anything He reveals to you.