

Revival and Humility

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- True humility is knowing where I stand before God.

What *clouds* my view of where I stand before God?

- 1) Presumption
- 2) Comparison
- 3) Pride

What *clears* my view of where I stand before God?

- 1) God's circumstances
- 2) God's Word
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What Does Humility Do?

True humility causes me to...

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2. Repent of that wrong.

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3. Reach for the truth.

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4. Respond with tenderness.

"Because your heart was responsive (tender) and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what He spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD." - 2 Chronicles 34:27

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The Result of a Revival of Humility?

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