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A Humble Heart

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

The quality we pondered this week was a humble heart. King David, by all rights, was in a position to be proud and arrogant (He was the anointed king, after all). His idea to build a temple for the Lord was reasonable and honoring to the Lord, but he was told "no." Sometimes we are told "no" by the Lord for reasons of discipline, and sometimes the "no" is just God redirecting our efforts to fulfill His plans for a greater purpose.

- What is the difference between the "no" of discipline and the "no" of redirection?
- Have you ever experienced a "no" from God that in hindsight was a redirection of your efforts that turned out for the best? If so, briefly describe the situation.
- Have you ever witnessed in yourself or someone else the calamity that pride brings to a situation?
- Why do you think humility is such a tough choice?
- David referred to himself as "Your servant" and listed several names of God in his prayer (2 Samuel 7:18-29). How does remembering who we are in relation to God and who God is in relation to us, help us to remain humble?

Read Luke 18:9-14.

- How did the Pharisee position himself before God?
- What was Jesus' opinion of his position?