



My Story
Living the story you want to tell

"I Decided To Change"

Getting Started

What life accomplishments, relationships, and are you most proud of?

What is your external response when someone gives you a compliment?

What happens internally?

If you have kids, share your proudest (1 of) moment as a parent? If you do not have kids, share a time you felt like you made your parents proud.

Going Deeper

How would you define the term "spiritual pride"?

Read [Luke 18:9-12](#). What's wrong with the Pharisee's logic? Do you ever do this?

Talk about a time when you were a little too confident and were humbled by a situation.

- How do you, personally, struggle with pride?
- How do you see God peeling back pride in your life?

On Sunday, Chad mentioned that there are two ways we can get rid of pride in our life. Both of them have to do with becoming like a child.

1.) Have a need for God, like a child needs their parents.

-A child relies on their parent for everything

Think through some of the qualities of a child.

- A child is innocent.
- A child is trusting.
- A child believes without complication.
- A child has not had time to allow the preconceived notions of the world to form his decision-making process.
- A child receives with joy, forgetting herself with light-hearted abandonment.
- A child is humble and content in the little things.

Is it possible to use these types of qualities to trust God?

Has there ever been a time you needed God like a child needs a parent
Where in your life do you need God right now?

2.) See the wonder in the mundane.

We live in a time of overlap between the ages. What one theologian called “the time between the times.” Because so many people are blind to God’s glory, we, as God’s people, are to live in such a way that people start to see God’s presence and beauty.

Read this from, “The Liturgy of the Ordinary”

“Alfred Hitchcock said movies are “life with the dull bits cut out.”

Car chases and first kisses, interesting plot lines and good conversations. It makes sense I mean...We don't want to watch our lead character going on a walk, stuck in traffic, or brushing his teeth—at least not for long, and not without a good soundtrack.

We tend to want a Christian life with the dull bits cut out.

Yet God made us to spend our days in rest, work, and play, taking care of our bodies, our families, our neighborhoods, our homes. What if all these boring parts matter to God? That there is something spiritual about the mundane....

If Christ was a carpenter...surely our work matters. There is no task too small to reflect God's glory and worth. Whether you're Mother Teresa or a stay-at-home mom, whether you're a revolutionary, a student, or a tax attorney, life is lived in twenty-four-hour days. We have bodies; we lag in energy; we learn slowly; we wake daily and don't know what lies ahead.

But there is significance in the mundane. And what this has to do with pride is the prideful person will write off the mundane tasks as insignificant. To the prideful person...the small things don't matter. We want to do BIG things because if we do those we matter. We are important...But the gospel says it's not about what you do it's about what's already been done...

It's about changing our perspective to see the small tasks. It's changing our idea of success and seeing all things as important, significant, and spiritual. Because here's what happens...when we start finding significance in the mundane all of a sudden you become more grateful. All of a sudden it's GOD THANK

YOU THAT I WOKE UP TODAY....Instead of being prideful and saying, "God i'm so glad my kids aren't like that" when driving the carpool, instead you say, "God thank you that I was able to have kids!" All of a sudden you become more grateful and pride is slowly leaked out."

Read [Colossians 3:23](#), [1 Corinthians 10:31](#)

There's nothing much more mundane than drinking a glass of water. So how can you live in such a way as to bring glory to God?

What is something mundane in your life that you can change your perspective on and see it as a spiritual act?

How can you see your work as spiritual and significant?

