



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast *November 26, 2023*

"Pride and Humility"

*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you
But to do Justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8, NIV)*

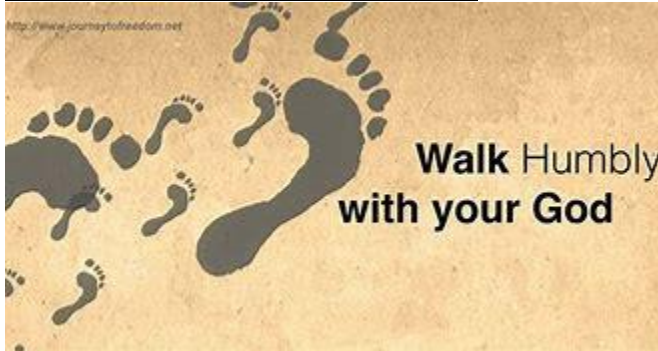
*"Pride is your greatest enemy, humility is your greatest friend." – John R. W. Stott (1921 – 2011, an English
Anglican priest and theologian, a leader in the worldwide evangelical movement)*

What do we think of pride?

How many recent sermons have you heard on pride or humility? I can't think of one that I have even preached myself or heard in recent memory! Pride may historically be regarded as the most common sin, but we don't hear it discussed much. In fact, self-centeredness and "look out for number 1" are almost considered virtues in the modern world. Pride and arrogance are conspicuous in the news headlines, and pride is also alive and well in ordinary people, even us.

Humility, on the other hand, is often seen as weakness, another aspect of our culture. If you have ever had a "performance review" you know what I am talking about. In a performance review, employees are expected to highlight their strengths and accomplishments, and downplay their weaknesses and failures. We need to turn this around: increase our mindfulness about pride and humility and of how to temper the one and encourage the other...and live honestly.

The Essence of Leading a Christian Life



Micah 6:8 summarizes what a good Christian life looks like. God tells us what is good and how to live a good life, and we are called to listen and act: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Walking humbly with God means recognizing that we are not perfect and that we need God's guidance and grace in our lives. This verse is a powerful reminder that we are called to live our lives with purpose and meaning, and to strive to make the world a better place. - Vance

A Prayer and Inspirational Verse

Lord, flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encountering you and our neighbors. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. Remind us when we go astray to walk humbly. Amen.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Test me and know my anxious thoughts! See if there be any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalm 139:23–24, NIV)

Prayer box: let us keep Liz and Maggie in our prayers for healing; pray for those suffering in the Middle East and Ukraine; pray for those suffering from natural disasters; and pray for all those who work for peace. **Lord, hear our prayer!**