

The Far Side of Pride

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Text: Matthew 26:26-56

Introduction: The Biblical account of Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and the birth of the Christian Church on the day of Pentecost, is a remarkable story of transformation, and a model of what God wants to do for us!

Jesus' disciples were:

Specifically _____.

Specially _____.

The fact that the purpose of God in our lives is special, doesn't mean that we are more special than anyone else for whom Jesus died!

When Jesus called his disciples to follow Him, they did, but as _____ who were proud, envious, and competitive.

Prideful spirits naturally gravitate toward ingratitude, envy, and conflict!

God's purpose in the lives of Jesus' disciples was for them to demonstrate God's love and power in _____ with each other!

Jesus' disciples shared a common experience of _____ and _____ which forged a powerful bond of _____!

The failure of Jesus' disciples was used by God to crucify their pride and to transform them from a collection of weak and imperfect individuals into a unified and unconquerable army!

Conclusion:

What was true of Jesus' disciples THEN is true of us NOW.

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