Jars of Humility

2 Corinthians 12:1-13   02/07/2021

As I watch Paul reluctantly "blow his own horn" I learn some important lessons about humility.

I.   Humility comes easier when we remember He is God, and we are not.
    A.   A realistic view of God
    "Our LORD and Ruler, your name is wonderful everywhere on earth! You let your glory be seen in the heavens above. With praises from children and from tiny infants, you have built a fortress. It makes your enemies silent, and all who turn against you are left speechless. I often think of the heavens your hands have made, and of the moon and stars you put in place. Then I ask, "Why do you care about us humans? Why are you concerned for us weaklings?" You made us a little lower than you yourself, and you have crowned us with glory and honor. You let us rule everything your hands have made. And you put all of it under our power--the sheep and the cattle, and every wild animal, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and all ocean creatures. Our LORD and Ruler, your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!" (Psalm 8 CEV)

    B.   A realistic view of self
        1.   I cannot know it all.
        2.   I cannot do it all.
        3.   I cannot be it all.

"For if any person thinks himself to be somebody [too important to condescend to shoulder another's load] when he is nobody [of superiority except in his own estimation], he deceives and deludes and cheats himself." (Galatians 6:3 Amplified Bible)

II.   Humility comes easier when we remember we come from the same pit.

*"Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the **hole of the pit** from which you were dug."* (Isaiah 51:1 NKJV)

III.   Humility comes easier when we remember we are nothing but clay pots.

IV.   Humility comes easier when we remember that glory is for Him not us.
    A.   God knows best.
    B.   God knows all.

So What
(D. L. Moody)

❖   The beginning of greatness is to be little.
❖   The increase of greatness is to be less.
❖   The perfection of greatness is to be nothing.