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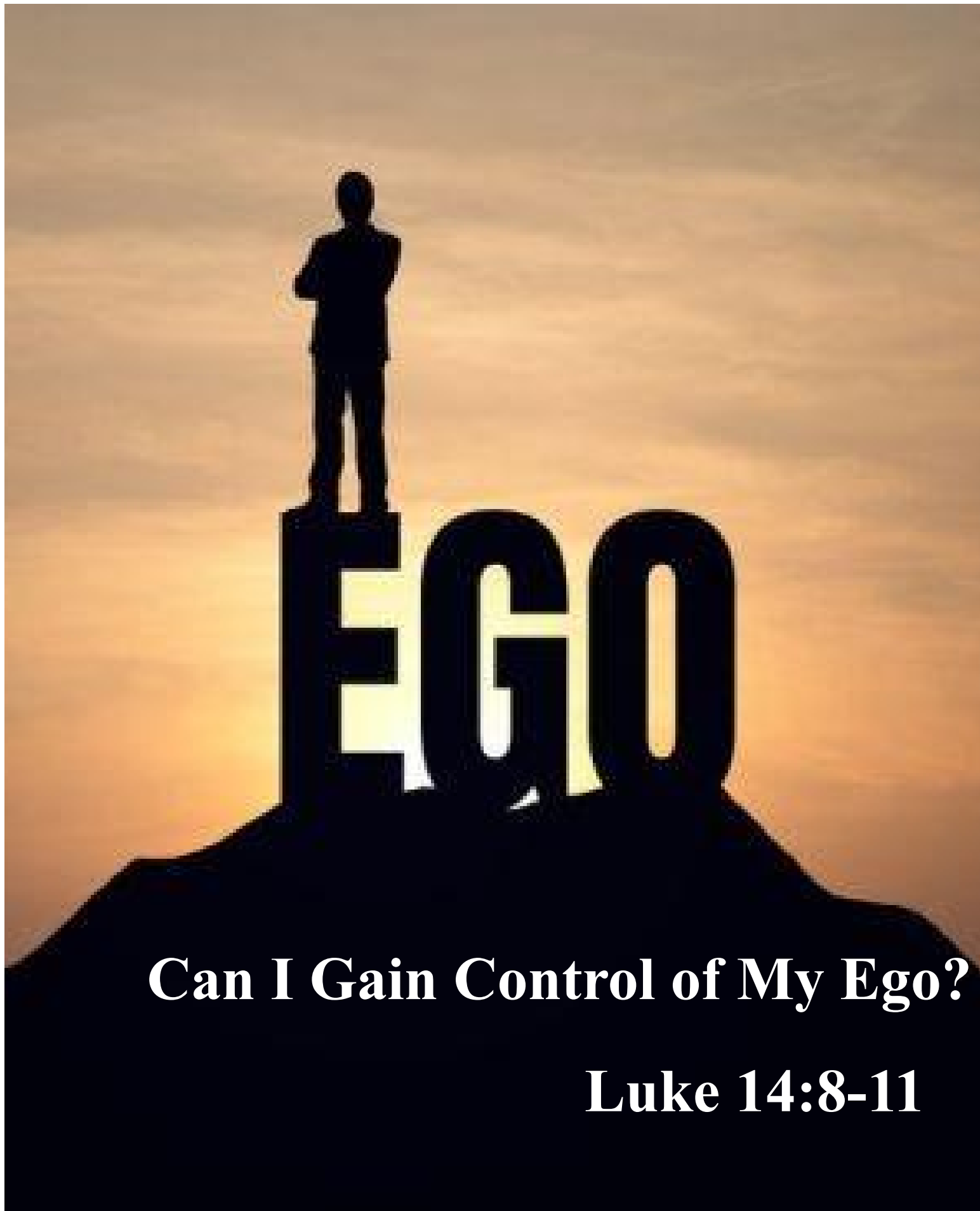
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Can I Gain Control of My Ego?

Luke 14:8-11

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Revelation 4:11 (CSB)
Welcome	Joshua Lee
Adoration	Sing To The King Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery Build My life
Prayer	Irene Chen
Deacon Candidate Testimony	HaiLong Yong
Scripture	Luke 14:8-11 (CSB) - Larry Joe
Proclamation	Can I Gain Control Of My Ego? Pastor Donald Gardner
Response	Take My Life And Let It Be
Offertory	Larry Joe
Announcements	Larry Joe
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Luke 14:8-11 (CSB)

8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, don’t sit in the place of honor, because a more distinguished person than you may have been invited by your host. **9** The one who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then in humiliation, you will proceed to take the lowest place. **10** “But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ You will then be honored in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Notes

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

Worship is Not a Show!

A couple of years back, I attended a meeting of ministers & co-workers of the Chinese Baptist Fellowship in Houston. Having been active within that circle in years past, it was enjoyable to see old friends and make new ones. With only a minor role in the proceedings of the meetings, I still found myself headed to the platform on one of the evenings that Francis Chan was also to speak. As we approached the stage, I was most uncomfortable with the atmosphere of things only to find us forced through a line of about 10 young people giving “high fives” and pushing up the emotions of the moment while welcoming us forward. Having heard the very humble and spiritual message of Reverend Peter Chung earlier that day, I fear that I gave little encouragement to these young people's efforts as I really had no need to feel like a football star. Indeed, it was all I could do to continue walking towards the platform and not reject the whole atmosphere by leaving the service!

Brothers and Sisters, what motivates your life and decisions? All discomforts and struggles are not unhealthy but may be a message from the Father. Our walk, our service, our behavior, our decisions are all about the church. Feeling that we “won” or “lost”, in a church issue, need never be our priority. Colossians 1:18 reminds us that Christ is the head of his body, the church! We must not get confused nor do that which is detrimental to His name. We serve as a family and a united body as we seek to grasp the full concept of what it is to be His Servants. My prayer is that we never see the church services or ministries of CBC become a “show!”

Announcements

- **VBC 2024 Missions** - please join us as we are collecting funds for VBC Missions thru the month of July, benefiting the Children's Hunger Fund (CHF), an organization that we have supported for several years. CHF provides meals as well as support for churches in poverty-stricken countries. **Checks may be written out to Chinese Baptist Church (memo: VBC Missions).** Please contact Connie Lee (connie@davidmleipc.com) for more info.
- **Java Jam 16 will be on Saturday, Aug 10, 2024 from 5 pm to 9 pm in the Sanctuary and FLC.**
- **Children's Choir Performance will be Sunday, Aug 11 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary,** inviting everyone to come and watch their performance.
- **Business Meeting on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.** We will have 2 deacon candidates to vote on: Edmond Cheung and Hailong Yong.

We would like to invite our visitors to consider joining the CBC family as members. If you are interested, a one hour class will be held by one of our Pastoral Staff with information about CBC beliefs, mission, baptism and ministries. You also have an opportunity to share your testimony and ask questions. Please fill out the membership application form, <https://forms.gle/CrJQikEDGwpoLZgK6> or contact the office for more questions.

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