



## **OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT**

### **SYLLABUS**

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#### **Class Duration:**

- six weeks

#### **Course Textbooks:**

- *Embracing Brokenness* by Alan E. Nelson
- *Proud People vs. Humble People* handout by Paul T. Johnson

#### **Class Description:**

This course exposes the faulty foundation and root system of the orphan spirit which is comprised of pride, shame, and fear. The orphan spirit cannot be cast out; it is only through repentance and receiving God as Father that these strongholds are torn down. This course will serve as a roadmap for students to grow out of orphan-hearted, sinful attitudes and into maturity in Christ with real humility and unwavering courage. Jesus came to reveal God as Father and to deliver us from every soul affliction, and it is only through a revelation of Christ and who we are in Him that we can experience the abundant life He died to give us. Students will be taken on a beautiful journey into the heart of God the Father and will be challenged to walk in their true identity in Christ and to live for God's purpose and pleasure alone.

#### **Course Goals and Objectives:**

Students will

- identify the root system of the orphan spirit
- complete an in-depth study of mankind's fall in the Garden of Eden and its effect on our flesh's struggle with pride, shame, and fear
- understand how pride, shame, and fear are interconnected

- learn how to grow out of orphanhood and mature into sonship
- be given biblical tools as a roadmap that will assist them both personally as well as in future ministry settings when dealing with the orphan spirit

### **Class Structure:**

- video lectures
- closed-book lecture quizzes
- closed-book reading quizzes
- written assignment

### **Assessments:**

- **Reading and Quiz Schedule:**

*\*\* All quizzes in this class are to be closed-book.*

*\*\* The document 'Proud People vs.. Humble People' is to be read and referred to throughout the course.*

Week One	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 1 – 2 Reading Quiz 1 Lecture Quiz 1
Week Two	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 3 - 4 Reading Quiz 2 Lecture Quiz 2
Week Three	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 5 - 6 Reading Quiz 3 Lecture Quiz 3
Week Four	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 7 - 8 Reading Quiz 4 Lecture Quiz 4
Week Five	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 9 - 10 Reading Quiz 5 Lecture Quiz 5
Week Six	<i>Embracing Brokenness</i> – Chapters 11 - 12 Reading Quiz 6 Lecture Quiz 6

- **Written Assignment and Rubric:**

Details can be found within the course 'Assignment' tab on the student portal.

*\*\* A final score of 70 or above must be achieved to pass this class.*