

HUMILITY



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BY GIVING UP
WHAT YOU THINK
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READ MARK 9:33-35

DAY 1

In this passage, Jesus interrupted an argument between His friends, the disciples. It was a pretty funny one if you think about it. Maybe it went down like this:

"It's me definitely. I mean, I handle the money," Judas argued.

"Whatever dude. It's totally me. After all, I'm one of the three closest to Jesus," replied Peter.

Basically they were having a "me first" disagreement and trying to "one up" each other. But the minute Jesus asked about their conversation, they became quiet. They knew their conversation was silly.

So what was Jesus' answer? Who really was most important in Jesus' eyes? . Whoever wants to be first, must actually make a choice to be LAST and serve others. It's like backwards math, but Jesus was saying, "hey, I get that you want to be important. But humility is where it's at."

Write the words "Whoever wants to be first must be last" on an index card and place it on your mirror to remind you of what Jesus said about humility this week.

THANK God for reminding you that if you want to be first, you must make a choice to be last.

READ MATTHEW 18:1-5

DAY 2

One big way we can put humility into practice is by looking at the life of Jesus. He was born in a stable to a poor family with very little. From what we read, Jesus never had any wealth or real power during His time on earth.

One day, the disciples asked Jesus, "Who is the most important person in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called a child over to Him and said, "This child, he's the most important." Was that child famous or wealthy? Was that child the smartest kid in the Temple or super cute or wearing fancy clothes? Chances are he was just a normal, average kid. Just like you. But you see, In God's eyes, having the faith of a child is a much bigger deal than being a popular, famous, rich or powerful adult. Pretty cool, huh?

Take a look in the mirror. Say a prayer with your eyes open, focused on your reflection. Thank God for making you special and ask Him to help you listen to His words, trust in Him like that child in the story, and show humility this week.

ASK God to help you continue to trust Him as you follow Him in humility.

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READ JOHN 13:14-15

DAY 3

You know what's gross? Feet. Sometimes you get gross stuff between your toes and under your toenails. But feet were even worse in Jesus' day! Back then, people wore sandals and they had to walk to get where they wanted to go. They walked on dirt roads, not like the paved ones we have today. And their feet got pretty nasty. When you entered a home back then, a servant would wash your feet. And it was like the worst job ever. So when Jesus grabbed a towel and got down on His hands and knees, the disciples couldn't believe it! Jesus did the job of a servant—the yuckiest job, the job no one wanted. And then He said, "You should do as I have done."

Jesus didn't mean we should wash everyone's stinky feet. But we should be willing to serve when we have an opportunity. And we should definitely stop ourselves when we think, "No way, I'm not doing that" and choose to help instead.

Instead of washing someone's feet tonight, how about offering to help out around the house, maybe wash the dishes or fold the laundry?

LOOK for opportunities to do as Jesus has done and serve others this week.

READ MATTHEW 28:16-20

DAY 4

In these verses, we find Jesus' last words to His followers, which includes you and me and anyone who believes in Him. Jesus said to "go and make disciples." This simply means that we are to tell others about Jesus so they can know Him too.

Guess what? Telling others about Jesus is a big way to show humility! Think about it this way: If you found a treasure chest full of gold and jewels in your backyard, wouldn't you want to tell everyone about it? Jesus is the most PRICELESS treasure ever! And He's counting on us to share His story so that the people around us can know Him too. You can put others first by doing what Jesus said and telling others about Him.

Write down the name of a friend that you think may not know about Jesus. Pray for an opportunity to share what you know about Jesus this week.

KNOW that God will help you share Jesus' story with the friend you prayed for.

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