



MOST LIKELY TO Humility Always Wins

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Week 4
4 of 5

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Bottom Line: You are exalted by God as you . . . “Humble yourself under God’s authority.”

Icebreaker: What is something that is true about you (a characteristic you usually don’t share or an accomplishment you don’t tell) that you typically leave out because you don’t want to be seen as bragging? It could be back in your young days, or something current.

Key Verse: *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*
1 Peter 5:6 NIV

No one in the Bible illustrates this principle from God more than David and Joseph. Joseph’s humility came later in life, after some hard knocks. But David started his journey with God in a more humble setting. He was not “the chosen one” in his family. His father rejected him for consideration by the prophet Samuel, his brothers ridiculed him, King Saul became jealous of him. Yet David kept his heart focused on God as a young man, and God did exactly as He promised. Because David was patient under authority, trusted his future to God, and didn’t take matters into his own hands, he exhibited humility, and God fulfilled His promise to lift him up. He became king; a ruler who led with humility and grace.

However, David was not perfect. He strayed from humility. At one time he was so humble he would not allow his men to suffer in ways he did not. But when he became complacent or egotistical—we don’t really know what got him off focus—he stayed home and sent his soldiers to war without him. At home, he was tempted to take his desires and life into his own hands and slept with one of his soldier’s wives. He was not immediately humbled and repentant. He built up a scenario of sin and sorrow before he returned to a humble heart before God. When David repented, he regained his standing with God and people.

One of his most famous prayers was written from his anguished, sincere heart during this time: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10). A clean heart is a humble heart. God takes responsibility to lift and restore it.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from today’s message?

Discuss: “David was powerful, popular, but not perfect. He exhibited tremendous humility.” How do you see that in his life?

Humility requires patience. What is harder than waiting on God?

David was a man under authority, He knew how to be a servant. How is that a requirement for humility?

David had several opportunities to take his future into his own hands, and no one would have blamed him. Why and how does humility refuse to do that? What might have changed about the story had David taken charge on his own?

How is repentance a key humility characteristic?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Discuss: “It’s not about never blowing it. It’s about when we do, we are quick to repent and ask forgiveness of God and others.”

What are the comparisons between Jesus and David that are most striking to you in the arena of humility?

Discuss: “The Bible is not primarily a bunch of principles to live by, it is about one person to live for.”

“The solution to pride is not humility—humility is a by-product of focusing on Jesus.”

The root word for humility means “to know your place.” How does that mutually address pride and inferiority?

Discuss: “Pride gives birth to all sins.” – St. Augustine

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Humbly share who you need to submit to at work, home, or church.
- 2) Where are you needing to trust that God will lift you up in due time? Pray together about it.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: James 4:6

Tuesday: Romans 13:1-2

Wednesday: Matthew 8:5-10

Thursday: 1 Samuel 15:22-26

Friday: Philippians 2:1-11

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)