

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 14:7-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BE HUMBLE

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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I wonder if you can imagine with me

*what it must have been like to encounter Jesus Christ
face to face, personally, two thousand years ago?*

And What That Encounter Must Have Looked Like?

What That Encounter Sounded Like?

What That Encounter Felt Like?

What That Encounter Is Like?

if you could sum up the entire experience,

*you would have to come away with an overriding impression
of Jesus Christ authority, His power, His wisdom...
but by far, you would have been overwhelmed by His humility!*

Mark 12:37b

And the **common** (day to day people) people heard Him gladly.

Luke 14:7-11

So He told a parable **to those who were invited**, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: **:8** "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; **:9** and he who invited you and him come and say to you, "Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. **:10** But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, "Friend, go up higher.'

Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. **:11** For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This all Started with an Invitation

Luke 14:1

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that **they watched Him closely.**

“Jesus Would Free a Man to Worship”

So, He told a parable to those who were invited,
when **He noted how** they chose the best places to sit...

Jesus paints us a picture.

the scene resembles the day after Christmas sale at a popular department store. a man who arrives early to a dinner and seeing an open seat up front, he makes his way there as others look on. he seats himself and begins to impress himself with his assumed place among so many important people.

The Circus is Underway / The Scene is Set

BEING HUMBLE

1.) Why being humble is a good thing vs. 7-9

1a.) Humility is good because it's Reality vs. 8

:8 “When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, **do not sit down in the best place**, lest one more **honorable** than you be invited by him.

there was a tradition of assigned seating for the most important / the big people

Never Assume “Your” Position
this is self-deception, and aggrandizement.

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great; **:7** For *it is* better that he says to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

WHY BEING HUMBLE IS A GOOD THING

1b.) Humility is good because it's Christ like vs. 9

:9 and he who invited you and him (the other guy) comes and says to you, "**Give place** to this man,'

prominence and **respect** feed the human **ego**.

the human heart loves "positions" and "reputation"

"This man is thoroughly enjoying himself. the food is great, the wine is excellent, the crowd thinks I'm somebody, and the view from this seat, perfect - *what could be better?*"

1 John 2:5-6

But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: :6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Jesus Walked Here as a Servant - -

WHY BEING HUMBLE IS A GOOD THING

1c.) Humility is good because it's Discipleship vs. 9b

...and then you begin with **shame** to take the lowest place.

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble there is wisdom.

But how do we "get humility"?

(1) - seeing the Lord for Who His is.

Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. :2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. :3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

(2) - seeing ourselves as we are.

Isaiah 6:5

So, I said: “Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”

(3) - seeing what God has done.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

(4) - knowing the facts about ourselves.

Acts 17:28

for in Him we live and move and have our being,

Listen to What Jacob Said.

Genesis 32:10

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant.

Listen to What Job Said.

Job 40:4

“Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

Listen to What Paul Said.

1 Timothy 1:15

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Listen to What Peter Said.

Luke 5:8

having fallen at Jesus’ knees, he said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

Listen to What King David Said.

2 Samuel 7:18

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: “Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?”

Listen to What the Psalmist Said.

Psalm 8:3-4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, :4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

Listen to What John the Baptist Said.

Matthew 3:13-14

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.:14 And John *tried to prevent* Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

Listen to What You’re Saying.

“Show Me a Truly Humble Man - for real
and I will show you a man who is making an impact for Christ - for real.”

This Issue @ Hand is the Issue of Eternity
will you allow yourself to truly follow Jesus in all things?

Matthew 4:19

Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

like fish - - where are they biting?

BEING HUMBLE

2.) When being humble is the right thing vs.10

2a.) Humility is right when others are near vs. 10a

But **when** you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place,

The Value of the Others

Pride and Humility Cannot Live in The Same House.

Luke 18:11-14

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. :12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' :13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" :14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Philippians 2:3

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

we're all hypocrites at this.

"We must all be careful to not condemn that man alone, because he was the one who got the seat we wanted."

WHEN BEING HUMBLE IS THE RIGHT THING

2b.) Humility is right when honor is present vs. 10b

so that **when** he who invited you comes, he may say to you, "Friend, go up higher (up front).

Your Witness Becomes More Powerful

the Lord will promote us in life
so that His works may be known.

you are His creation, His work, His plan.

2c.) Humility is right when a witness is needed vs. 10c

Then you will have glory
in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

Proverbs 27:2

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth.
someone else, and not your own lips.

Humility Provides the Opportunity to Share

“Humility is Having the Correct View
and Understanding of Who You Really Are.”

“Hey, Stop Taking Cuts”

‘Why didn’t I think about doing that.’”

“Try not to become a man of success,
but rather seek to be a man of value.”

- *Albert Einstein*

a godly life is far more valuable than riches.

BEING HUMBLE

3.) Where being humble is the only thing vs. 11

3a.) Humility is required for Life vs. 11a

For whoever **exalts** himself will be **humbled**...

This is Known as “Theological Passives”

For whoever **exalts** himself
will be **humbled**... and he who **humbles himself** will be exalted.”

Meaning, That God Himself, Slowly, Persistently, Continually
is at Work Bringing Down the Proud while Bringing Up the Humble.

Luke 1:51-52

He has shown strength with His arm.
He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. :52 He has put down the
mighty from *their* thrones, And exalted *the* lowly.

James 4:6-7

But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says:
“*God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.*” :7 Therefore submits to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Putting It Into Action

Philippians 2:3-7

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. :4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. :5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, :6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, :7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

WHERE BEING HUMBLE IS THE ONLY THING

3b.) Humility is required at Death vs. 11b

and he who **humbles himself** will be exalted.”

Remember That “Theological Passive”?

If You’re Humbly Walking with Jesus Christ in This Life,
then you’ll witness His hand upon your life opening more and more doors.

You May Be a Proud Achiever, a Mover and
Shaker,

you can get away with it for a while, but there’s a day coming when you’ll
no longer be the check signer or the CEO or the leader of the family.

your days will become shorter, the shadows will lengthen,
death is near

Matthew 18:1-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” :2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, :3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. :4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

a proud man is embarrassing enough,
but a proud child is a dangerous thing.

WHERE BEING HUMBLE IS THE ONLY THING

3c.) Humility is required in Heaven

vs. 11c

and he who **humbles himself** will be exalted.”

imagine for a moment how many people today think that they have a seat in heaven reserved for them because they have a good reason as to why they should be there.

I'll be there because.

“I'm a very nice person – fun to be with too:

I'll be there because.

“I have devoted my life to serving others, I've been good to my neighbor”

I'll be there because.

“I've never been in an accident or gotten a ticket”

Heaven's Requirement – a humble heart

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore, **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God,
that **He may exalt you** in due time,

This Dinner Scene is a perfect Snapshot into

who Jesus Christ is in person and in nature.

He was humble, yet all mighty. He was meek, yet all powerful

Maybe you have a seat of importance today in this life.

but what about in the life to come?

there's no “transfer” of status or worldly “equity” allowed in heaven

1 Peter 1:4

says that the seats in heaven are to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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