

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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How Humility Feed our Faith

Luke 18:9-17

Review

1. Examples from Luke where we see humility feeding a person's faith:

a. The Centurion

Luke 7:6 *And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed.*

b. The woman who washed Jesus' feet

Luke 7:37 *And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, 38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment... 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

2. Jesus is looking for those with faith.

Luke 18:8 *I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

A Genuine Heart of Humility Precedes Saving Faith (vv. 18:9-14)

Luke 18:9 *He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.*

1. Pride blinds us from our need.

Luke 18:11 *The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'*

2. Humility allows us to see our desperate need.

Luke 18:13 *But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'*

3. The humble receive forgiveness and are accepted by God.

Luke 18:14 *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*"

James 4:6 *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"... 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

Life in the Kingdom is Marked By Continued Humility (vv. 18:15-17)

Luke 18:15 *Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."*

2Cor. 12:9 *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Jesus Models This Life of Humility

Phil 2:5 *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.*

Reflect, Discuss, Apply

1. The object of our faith will dictate the way we pray and the way we live. How often do you think about your continued need for God? What weaknesses do you wrestle with in life that bring increased awareness to your need?

2. Take time to reread the Lord's Prayer this week (Luke 11:1-4). How does Jesus model humility in his instruction on how to pray?

SONGS

"House of the Lord"
"Doxology"
"King of My Heart"
"King of Kings"
"Same God"

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