



Extraordinary Humility – Message 5

Announcements

Step Three – Dream Team // Sunday, October 16th at 12:45pm// LCC Annex, SSC Offices and GCC. Discover how you can use your personality, gifts and purpose in life in ministry. In Step Three, you will also have an opportunity to connect with the Ministry Leader. ChurchoftheKing.com/register.

Warm-up

Think of a historical figure or present-day individual you admire. What is it about that individual you admire most?

Humility is not often a trait we esteem in others yet it is a characteristic God wants to develop in each of us. When it comes to humility, it can be challenging to follow Jesus' example. Message five of the *Extraordinary Life* series teaches us what it means to humble ourselves and walk in the power that comes from humility.

Word and Application

Read Matthew 26:53, Philippians 2:5-11 and John 10:18.

What do these verses tell us about the character of Jesus? Which of these verses most resonate with you and why?

Jesus walked in the fullness of God, in authority and power; yet he repeatedly chose to yield to God's will. An example of this is the wilderness experience when Jesus allowed himself to be tempted by Satan. Give other examples of how Jesus *chose* to walk in submission to the Father.

Read James 4:6-10. James Chapter 4 addresses quarrels, conflict and boasting that stem from wrong attitudes of arrogance, selfish desires and pride. Which commands do God give us in James 4:6-10? Why is humility so important to God? How different do you think this world would look if we all yielded to God's will when we faced temptations and conflict?

God so graciously provided all that we need to defeat the enemy. When the enemy shoots the fiery darts to distract us from focusing on God, we can take on the nature of Jesus to be the overcomer, not the victim. Let's take a moment to break down how we define humility and explore some ways to apply it in our lives.

3 Ways to Walk in Extraordinary Humility

1. Humility is a posture

Read: Psalm 40:8. Staying in humility requires us to choose to cover ourselves daily in clothes of humility rather than naked pride. How does this verse express the humility of the psalmist?

2. Humility is an attitude and mindset

Read: Philippians 2:5. We have to practice humility each day for it to become who we are. Let's face it being humble doesn't come naturally to us. Share some practical ways to develop the right attitude and mindset.

3. Humility is the nature of God

Read: Philippians 2:6-7. Other gods ask you to do what they refuse to do. Our God asks us to do what He has *already done*. How does reading this verse help you want to develop humility in your heart? What areas of your life have you become empowered by choosing humility over pride?

Read: 1 Peter 5:5-6. Living a life in complete surrender to God's will cause new fruit to grow in our lives and expressed through our character. When we stop and take our thoughts captive, we can then identify which ones to keep and which ones to discard in order to align with God's word. What are some fruit you see growing in your life from choices you have made to submit to God's will in humility?

5 Fruits of Walking in Extraordinary Humility

1. Extraordinary grace. **Read Romans 11:6**
2. Extraordinary wisdom. **Read Proverbs 11:2**
3. Extraordinary favor. **Read Proverbs 18:12**
4. Extraordinary blessing. **Read Proverbs 22:4**
5. Extraordinary power. **Read James 4:6**

Which one of these extraordinary fruits do you need most right now? This week identify areas in which you have been walking in pride instead of humility. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, begin to apply the *3 Ways to Walk in Humility* (above).

Prayer

Close in prayer by thanking God for taking the first step in humility to give us salvation. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in which He wants you to walk in greater humility; and ask for specific ways to genuinely express it. Pray for the specific needs of the group.