



Key References:

Matthew 18:1–4 (ESV)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “**Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**” ⁴ **Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

2 Chronicles 7:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1 Peter 5:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

David shared on Sunday about when he saw a driver asleep under a green light while the car behind leaned on the horn. **What did you think about this image? Are there any “green lights” that we have from God but aren’t driving forward in to?**

1 – Children & greatness

Read Matthew 18:1-4. **How do we need to become like a child regarding salvation? What attributes of a child was Jesus referring to in connecting greatness with humility?**

The disciples were wanting to be great. **Why might it be a good thing for us to want to be great in the kingdom of God?**

2 – Humility & prayer

Read what God says in 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. **Do we have to humble ourselves before we can “pray and seek” His face? Is it possible to be humble and not turn from our wicked ways? What does wicked ways mean in regards to your life?**

If you have a specific time in the week where you spend time with God, **how do you humble yourself at the beginning of these times? If you try to spend time with God without humbling yourself first how does it usually go?**

3 – Anxieties & God’s mighty hand

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. **What are you anxious about? Why is a part of being humble “casting all your anxieties on him”? Is it possible to be humble and anxious at the same time “under God’s mighty hand”?**

Mike on Sunday said: *“Humility in its essence is simply a conscious awareness of our absolute need for God’s supernatural presence, power, and provision in every area of our lives.”* **In which area of your life are you more aware of your dependence of God’s provision? Are there any areas of your life that you need to lay down before Him?**

4 – Drawing near to God

Read Isaiah 55:6-9. **How does verse 8 & 9 affect your relationship with God?**

Recently do you feel you are steady, backsliding, or currently drawing closer to God? How could making yourself like a child push your relationship with God deeper?