**COURAGE 14: HUMILITY IS COURAGE** 2019-09-08

**MICAH 6:8(NKJV)** He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

* Did you hear about the guy who won the annual prize for humility? When he went up on stage to collect the prize, they took it away from him.
* Do you think you’re humble? If so, who’s the first person you look for, in a group photo that you’re in?
* The greatest thing any human could ever aspire to become is the servant of another.
* If authority exalts you instead of humbling you, you’re not mature enough for it.

**1.** Humbling myself means that I’ll have to let God make me the better person He knows I can be. This means that I must be willing to let Him deal with sinful issues in my life.

**1 PETER 5:6(NLTSE)** So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honour.

* Don’t ever as God to humble you. This is something He wants us to do

**2.** Humbling myself means that I must be willing to serve others:

**MARK 10:45(NKJV)** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

* Humility does not necessarily mean thinking less of yourself but of your self, less.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11(NLTSE)** “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. ***Be humble***, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, ***He gave up his divine privileges***; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, ***He humbled himself*** in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

***Therefore***, God elevated Him to the place of highest honour and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”

* Two aspects from this passage:

a) He gave up privileges. This means sacrifice

b) Promotion came after humility

* In **MARK 10:32-37**, Jesus foretells of all the bad things that will happen to Him and in vs. 35-37, James and John ask a favour from Jesus:

**vs. 35-37(NLTSE)**: “Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to Him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do us a favour.”

“What is your request?” He asked. They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, ***we want to sit*** in places of honour next to you, one on your right and the other on your left”

* Notice that James and John asked to sit and not to serve. At this stage, they still had so much to learn about the Kingdom of God
* The challenges we face in our nation, will only be overcome by God fearing men and women who are willing to serve others sacrificially. This is the essence of the Christian life
* We can humbly serve others with our time, talents, gifts, skills, energy and finances
* What reputation do you have? Moses had a unique reputation:

**NUMBERS 12:3(NLTSE)** Now Moses was very humble—more humble than any other person on earth.

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What is your definition of humility?
2. What exactly does it mean, to humble yourself under the mighty power of God, as described in **1 PETER 5:6** ? How can this be applied practically, in our lives?
3. What areas in your heart/life, lack humility and how can you change these?