

- **Recap:** last week we discussed Pentecost and that the world was never been the same after the Holy Spirit was given without measure.
- We discussed the concept of nothing ever being so good that there's no room for improvement.
- We discussed a fixed mindset vs a growth mindset
- We asked there following pertinent questions:
  - Is fear of the unknown, keeping us from growing?
  - Is our refusal to embrace Godly change, stopping us from growing?
  - Has the comfort of our current situation, made us unwilling to embrace God's next move?
  - Are we so fixed in our ways that we've stopped growing?
  - Isn't the just of the Gospel message, about growth and change for the better?
- We studied Luke 5:36-39 and the significance of the two different Greek words for new:

**LUKE 5:36-39(NKJV)** *"Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. 37 And no one puts **new** wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 But **new** (neos=new in time) wine must be put into **new** (kainos=new in kind) wineskins, and both are preserved. 39 And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, "The old is better.'" (**NLTSE:** 'The old is just fine,' they say.)*

- The Greek has two different words for new, in verse 38. Namely **neos for new in time and kainos for new in kind**

- This week we'll discuss the topic: **COURAGE TO LEAD**
- Before getting the courage to lead we must have the courage to follow.
- **The best followers make the best leaders**
- **If authority exalts you instead of humbling you, you're not mature enough for it.**  
(leadership lessons from a dancing guy video)

**MARK 1:17** Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

- **ENVIRONMENT DETERMINES GROWTH, LEADERSHIP DETERMINES ENVIRONMENT**

- **Environment determines growth.** Consider what a planted seed needs to grow, (soil, water, sunlight, nutrients etc.)
- **Leadership determines environment.** Are we as leaders humble, teachable, team players or control freaks? Do we insist on having it our way only, just because we're in charge?
- A teachable person will learn from a child and be willing to embrace the ideas of others, even ideas better than their own.
- God has implemented many changes in CMA and Bikers Churches across the country, since November 2017 and will continue to do so, as He builds His Kingdom, one heart at a time, using faithful followers of Christ
- **The best leaders, are the best followers,** not the folks with the best gifts and abilities

- God calls Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. Only after 40 years of looking after sheep, and faithfully following God, is Moses ready for leadership. Moses went from being rather arrogant, to being the most humble man on earth.

**NUMBERS 12:3** Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth

- Because of this humility, Moses had more authority on earth than anyone else, except Jesus.
- Joseph has awesome dreams symbolising people bowing down to him. After being sold as a slave, many years go by before he works in Potiphar's house. He goes through betrayal by the baker, butler, Mr and Mrs Potiphar, before God promotes him to lead the entire then known world. All because he faithfully followed God.

- Saul gets promoted by God after the people insist on having a king. He then loses everything because he chose not to follow God (**1 SAMUEL 15:10-23**)

- David's army was so strong because his men could keep ranks

**1 CHRONICLES 12:33(NKJV)** of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, **stouthearted men who could keep ranks**

- David was subjected to years of abuse, at the hands of Saul, before God made David king
- People were not created to dominate each other or be dominated, but to serve each other equally as kings and priests.
- Jesus followed and did only what God showed Him

**JOHN 5:19(NKJV)** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner

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- If someone asked you, how can I get to heaven, would you be in position to say: "Follow me"?
- This may seem self righteous and arrogant, but Paul could say this

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:16(NKJV)** Therefore I urge you, **imitate me**.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:1(NKJV)** Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

**HEBREWS 6:12(NKJV)** that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises

- Jesus Christ is the perfect example of someone humbling themselves so that God could promote Him:

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11(NLTSE)** "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."

### **CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Why do you think so many people have a problem with authority? Has this anything to do with the fact that we're not created to be dominated?
2. Why does humility, play such an important role, when it comes to promotion? (see Philippians 2:5-11)
3. What kind of a follower are you?
4. Can you say to someone: "follow me as I follow Christ"? If not, why not? Pray for one another regarding humility, following and leadership