

The Story of Ricky Megee

An oasis in the desert

One another's in the Bible

Humility

What the passage says

The context → suffering! (1:29-30)

The challenge → IF ... THEN (2:1-2)

IF there is encouragement [in Christ], comfort [in love], participation in the Spirit, affection, sympathy

THEN “make my joy complete” by being in full accord and one mind. In other words, UNITY

The conduct → humility! (2:3)

Literally, “in humility, count [*ἀλλήλων*] one another more significant than yourselves.”

The capacity → the example of Jesus (2:4-11)

This is about a new community centered around humility

The opposite of humility

C.S. Lewis “...the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind...

... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began.”

Examples of humility

The meal
The nomad class
Hope for Homes
A ride to Dallas

Get in the game!

Harmony

Humility in action creates harmony

1. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. (Rom. 12:16)
2. Be at peace with each other. (Mark 9:50)
3. Have equal concern for each other. (1 Cor. 12:25)
4. Be kind and compassionate to one another. (Ephesians 4:32)
5. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (Gal. 5:26)

About the word “harmony”

Complete my joy

Questions for Personal Study

1. How has the church been an oasis in the desert for you? How can you make it an oasis for others?
2. How does Jesus give us the power of a humble life?
3. How is harmony essential for the church to function correctly?
4. What do you find most difficult about the Bible’s teaching about how we should treat “one another?” What is most attractive and beautiful?