

Humility (Accessing All Grace) – Part 7 (1st and 2nd Service)

5-Day Devotional:

The video message for part 7 is a combination of the 1st and 2nd services from Sunday 02/02/26.

5-Day Devotional: The Path of Humility and Grace

Day 1: Hearing the Rebukes of Life

Reading: Proverbs 15:31-33

Devotional: The mark of wisdom isn't avoiding correction—it's embracing it. When we open our ears to life's rebukes, whether from Scripture, godly counsel, or even circumstances, we position ourselves among the wise. Your flesh will resist correction, insisting "I'm right" or deflecting blame. But maturity says, "Show me where I'm wrong, Lord." Every rebuke you receive with humility becomes a steppingstone toward greater wisdom and life. Consider this: God loves you enough to correct you before pride leads you somewhere destructive. The question isn't whether correction will come, but whether you'll have ears to hear it. Wisdom doesn't just happen; it's cultivated through teachability.

Reflection Question: Who has God placed in my life to speak truth to me, and am I listening?

Day 2: The Test That Leads to Promotion

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Devotional: God tested Israel in the wilderness, not to harm them, but to reveal what was in their hearts and ultimately to do them good. The promised land wasn't just a destination—it was a reward for those who remained humble and obedient through testing. You may be in a season that feels like suffering, where God is examining what's truly in your heart. Will you trust Him? Will you remain teachable? These tests aren't punishment; they're preparation for promotion. On the other side of your wilderness is a good land—a place of abundance where you'll lack nothing. Don't despise the testing season. Pass the test by maintaining humility, and watch God bring you into multiplication and blessing beyond your natural thinking.

Reflection Question: What test am I currently facing, and how can I respond with humility rather than pride?

Day 3: Yoked with Divine Strength

Reading: Matthew 11:28-30; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Devotional: You were never meant to pull life's load alone. Jesus invites you into a partnership where His strength works with yours—but only humility accepts this invitation. Pride says, "I can handle this myself." Humility says, "I need You, Lord." When you're yoked with Christ, the enemy's attacks lose their power because you're no longer operating in your limited strength. Grace—God's divine ability—flows freely to the humble. This isn't weakness; it's wisdom. It's recognizing that God's strength is perfected in your weakness. Today, identify the areas where you're striving in your own power. Lay down your pride, admit your need, and step into the yoke with Jesus. His burden is light, and His grace is sufficient.

Reflection Question: Where am I trying to operate in my own strength instead of relying on God's grace?

Day 4: Entering the Good Land

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-18; Philippians 4:19

Devotional: God is bringing you into a good land—a place of provision, abundance, and blessing. But entering requires humility and obedience. When you humble yourself, receive correction, and trust God's process, you position yourself for supernatural increase. This isn't arrogance; it's faith. God has spoken promises over your life that exceed your natural thinking. If you can accomplish it on your own, it's not a God-sized dream. The Israelites who didn't believe died in the wilderness, not because God stopped loving them, but because unbelief blocked their inheritance. Choose to believe today. Declare what God has said over you. Walk in humility, receive His grace, and prepare for multiplication. The good land isn't just coming—you're stepping into it now.

Reflection Question: What God-sized promise am I believing for, and am I walking in the humility required to receive it?

Day 5: Beware of Spiritual Amnesia

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-14

Devotional: The greatest danger in blessing isn't poverty—it's forgetting God in prosperity. When life flows smoothly, beautiful houses surround us, and our bank accounts multiply, spiritual amnesia creeps in. We subtly shift from "God provided" to "I achieved." This is why God warns: "Beware that you do not forget." Remembering isn't passive nostalgia; it's active gratitude. Before blessing, we learn faith. In blessing, we practice humility. The same God who fed you with manna in the desert gives you abundance in the promised land. Stay humble when blessed. Continue eating with those who have less. Pay for their meals. Fill their refrigerators. Your blessing isn't just for you—it's meant to flow through you to others. Remember Him always.

Closing Prayer: Father, I choose humility over pride. Open my ears to hear Your rebukes and my heart to receive Your correction. I position myself in the flow of Your grace, knowing that You resist the proud but give grace to the humble. Help me pass every test with faith and obedience. I believe You are bringing me into a good land of abundance and blessing. I will not settle for less than Your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Scripture Reference Guide

Explicitly Mentioned References:

1. **Ecclesiastes 10:10** - Referenced regarding keeping your axe sharp.
2. **James 4:6** - "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble"
3. **Proverbs 15:31** - "The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise"
4. **Proverbs 15:32** - "He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding"
5. **Deuteronomy 8** (entire chapter read and discussed)
 1. Deuteronomy 8:1

2. Deuteronomy 8:2
 3. Deuteronomy 8:3
 4. Deuteronomy 8:4
 5. Deuteronomy 8:5
 6. Deuteronomy 8:7-9
 7. Deuteronomy 8:10-11
 8. Deuteronomy 8:12-13
6. **John 10:10** - "The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy... I have come that you may have life and life more abundantly"
 7. **Hebrews 12** - Referenced regarding God's chastening

Alluded to or Paraphrased References:

6. **Ephesians 2:8** - "Saved by grace through faith"
7. **2 Corinthians 5:21** - "The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus"
8. **Proverbs 18:21** - "The power of life and death is in the tongue"
9. **2 Corinthians 5:7** - "We walk by faith, not by sight" (sermon says "not by feeling")
10. **Galatians 6:7** - "Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap"
11. **Proverbs 26:17** - About pulling a dog's ears (meddling in others' quarrels)
12. **John 10:10** - "I've come to give you life and life more abundantly"

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Small Group and Personal Study Guides:

1st and 2nd Service 02/01/26 – Study Guide: Passing the Test of Humility

Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by asking God to open your hearts to receive correction, grow in humility, and access His grace.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when someone corrected you and it turned out to be one of the best things that happened to you. How did you initially respond, and what was the outcome?

Key Scripture References

- **James 4:6** - "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble"
 - **Proverbs 15:31-32** - The ear that hears the rebukes of life
 - **Deuteronomy 8** - God's testing leads to promotion and blessing
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Key Takeaways

1. **Humility Accesses Grace** - The humble receive more grace, which is the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome evil tendencies and live victoriously.
 2. **True Humility is God-Esteem** - Humility isn't low self-esteem; it's agreeing with what God says about you—no more, no less.
 3. **Correction is a Gift** - Those who receive rebukes and instruction gain wisdom, life, and promotion.
 4. **Pride Blocks Blessing** - God sets Himself against the proud but promotes and blesses the humble.
 5. **Tests Lead to Promotion** - God tests us to reveal what's in our hearts and to do us good, preparing us for the "good land" of blessing.
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Discussion Questions

Section 1: Understanding Humility

1. The sermon stated, "If I think above what God says, that's pride. If I think below what God says, that's also pride." Why is thinking less of yourself than God does actually a form of pride?

Section 2: Receiving Correction

3. Why is receiving correction so difficult for most people? What makes it particularly challenging for you?
4. The pastor said, "The way we receive a rebuke tests our character." Think of a recent time you were corrected. How did you respond? What did that reveal about your character?
5. Read Proverbs 15:31-32. What are the benefits of listening to "the rebukes of life"? What are the consequences of disdaining instruction?
6. Who are the people in your life that have permission to speak truth and correction into your life? If you don't have anyone, why not, and how can you change that?

Section 3: Grace and Growth

7. The sermon emphasized that grace is "the favorable impartation of divine ability." Share a time when you experienced God's grace helping you overcome something you couldn't overcome on your own.
8. What does it mean to be "yoked with God"? How does humility position us to receive His strength rather than trying to operate in our own?
9. The pastor mentioned that "your feelings will catch up with your confessions." How have you seen this principle work in your life?

Section 4: Moving Toward Promotion

10. Read the Deuteronomy 8 passage about entering the good land. What tests do you feel you've passed recently? What "good land" might God be preparing you to enter?
11. The sermon ended with a prophetic word about multiplication and blessing coming. How does your heart respond to that? Do you believe it's for you personally?

Practical Applications

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:**Option 1: Invite Correction**

- Ask 2-3 trusted people in your life: "Is there anything you see in my life that I might have a blind spot about?" Receive their feedback with humility, thank them, and pray about what they share.

Option 2: Respond Differently

- The next time you're corrected (by a spouse, boss, friend, or the Holy Spirit), pause before responding defensively. Take time to pray about it and ask God, "Is there truth in this I need to hear?"

Option 3: Declare God's Word

- Identify one area where you've been thinking below what God says about you. Find scriptures that speak to your identity in Christ and declare them daily, asking God to align your feelings with His truth.

Option 4: Practice Gratitude

- Keep a "grace journal" this week. Each day, write down one way you experienced God's grace—His unearned favor or divine ability helping you.

Option 5: Generosity Step

- Ask God to show you someone you can bless this week—whether through paying for a meal, buying groceries, or meeting a financial need. Then do it.

Reflection Questions for Personal Time

- Where in my life am I most resistant to correction right now? Why?
 - What would change in my life if I truly believed I had access to "more and more grace"?
 - Am I surrounded by wise people, or have I been avoiding accountability?
 - What "test" might God be walking me through right now to prepare me for promotion?
 - Do I genuinely believe God wants to bring me into a "good land" of blessing?
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Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 8:18 *"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."*

Closing Declaration

Stand together and declare:

"I will hear the rebukes of life. I will pass the tests. I will enter the good land. I choose humility over pride because the humble receive grace. God is doing a work in me, and I will not quit. I am headed toward multiplication and blessing in Jesus' name!"

For Next Week

Read Deuteronomy 8 in its entirety and come prepared to share:

- One test you feel God has walked you through.
 - One area of "good land" (blessing) you're believing for or living in.
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Leader Tip: Create a loving environment where people can be honest about their struggles with pride and receiving correction. Model maturity by sharing your own journey with humility. Remember, the goal isn't perfection but progress and growth together.