

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Faith IRL
Message: Humility Makes All the Difference
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Humility. It is the starting place for having real faith in Jesus. As we have seen, faith means to trust God with our life, and to do that means to honestly admit we need God and humbly accept His leadership. Anything less than this is not Christian faith.

Humility towards God means that He is the one that I live to follow and honor. Whenever His expressed opinion (the Bible's teaching) is different from mine, I adopt His. Obeying God is evidence of my humility.

Humility towards others is a recognition that I am no more deserving of God's grace than they are. As a follower of Jesus, I am to adopt the attitude He did toward others – serving and loving them for God's sake.

Spend some time to read the following passage and consider what Jesus did in giving up His divine privileges to become one of us so He could take our place and save us. In light of that, what should following His example look like in my family, friendships, neighborhood, workplace, school, online world, etc...?

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ 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, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3–11 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Humble (def):

1. *Having a low estimate of one's importance, worthiness, or merits* (Oxford English Dict.)

2. *Not proud or haughty: not arrogant or assertive* (Merriam Webster Dict.)

Humility is required to have an authentic relationship with God. It is also necessary for building deep friendships and having a positive influence on others.

Choosing to think and act humbly is not demeaning or devaluing myself. It is elevating God and others.

...And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:5–7 (NLT)

Thinking and acting humbly is my choice.

...And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another...

This choice has significant consequences.

...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble...

If I choose to live humbly, God promises it will be worth it!

...So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.