

THE STORY OF HUMILITY

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. What stands out to you in this sermon or had an impact on your life?
2. Most likely to...if your former high school classmates were to vote you most likely to do or be something, what would it be?

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3. What do you think Mary means when she says, "for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant," (Luke 1:48)?
4. How do you react to Jesus' words (Matthew 23:11-12)?
5. What do you think Pastor Robb means when he says, "crises and challenges reveal our character,"? What's your opinion?
6. Mary was humble because she depended on God to do "great things" (Luke 1:49). How would you compare your own humility to this?
7. How did Mary's humility change her relationship with God, others and authority?
8. How should our humility affect our relationships?
9. Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. In light of the sermon, how do you respond inwardly to this statement?

APPLICATION:

10. What steps can you take to be more humble?

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We learned last week, from the story of Joseph, that God specializes in the use of the ordinary. That simple idea continues in the story of Mary. She exemplifies many Christian traits, but one that seems to overshadow the others was her humility. After a look into Mary's life, let's consider how we can increase in that great Christian trait of humility.

1. **Humility revealed** - (Luke 1:46-55). Mary was bumped, and praise fell out. What falls out when you are bumped?
2. **Humility's complexity** - (Luke 1:46-55). Mary's humility affected her relationships with those around her.
3. **Humility's source of rest** - (Luke 1:46-55; Psalm 62). In God alone. When our focus is on God, our places are well defined.

Application

In what way could each of us improve our humility today?

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Reggie Rice