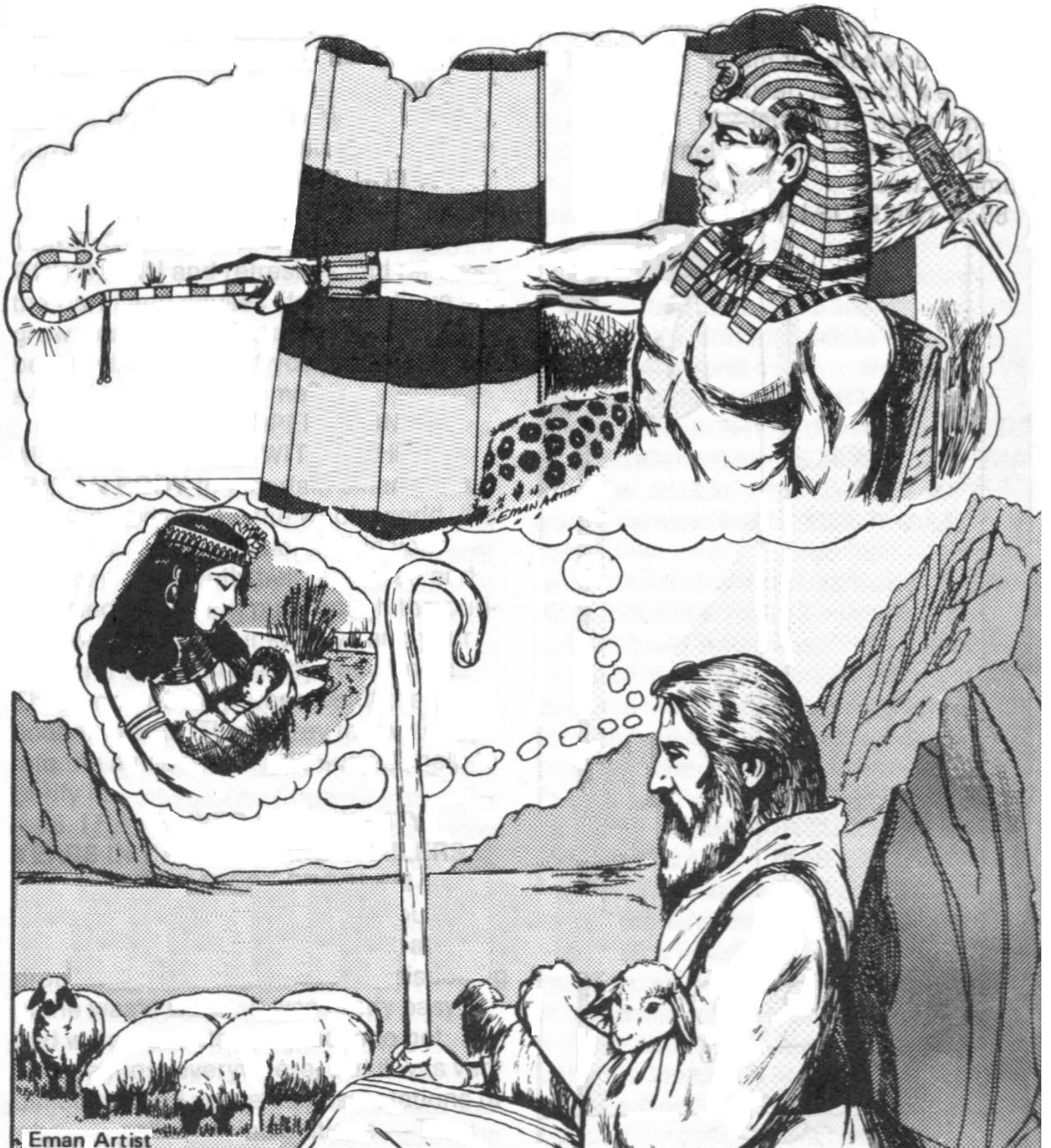


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Weak in Ourselves but Strong in Him

I love each and every one of My children, and I wish to draw them all close to Me. I have a plan for each of them, and I wish to mold them into the vessels of My choice. But in order to mold them into such vessels, I must allow different things to happen in their lives to cause them to be humble and broken; to be weak in themselves so that they're dependent on Me and My strength, My grace, and My mercy. ⁽¹⁾

Examples from the Bible:

(Dad wrote:) The list is almost endless of all the men in the Bible whom God had to humble before he could use them, of all the leaders God had to bring down to the depths before they could stand to be exalted--lest they would have taken credit to themselves and not given God the glory! ⁽²⁾

(Dad wrote:) Look at Joseph! He had all those dreams about how his brothers were going to bow down to him and everything! Obviously he told those dream right in front of his brothers and he knew he was his father's pet and his father was always spoiling him and loving him above his brethren, making him his coat of many colors etc. He usually was kept at home apparently so he didn't have to work with his brothers and do hard work in the field with the sheep and all that. Apparently at first he was really a spoiled little brat, Papa's pet!

So look what the Lord put him through! First his brothers were going to kill him. "Behold, this dreamer cometh!", they said. Their idea was to put an end to his dreams! "He thinks we're going to bow down to him, we'll show him!" And they were going to kill him if Reuben hadn't pled for him!

He probably had quite a bit of pride and was just naturally proud that his father loved him the most, he knew it and he wasn't ashamed to brag about it and his father wasn't either. So look what the Lord put him through! They beat him up, nearly killed him, and finally threw him down in a pit, and then they sold him (Imagine, brothers like that!) and decided, "Well, if we're not going to kill him let's at least make some money

on him, let's sell him as a slave to the Arabs!"--Which they did! So they sold him and the caravan took him down to Egypt where they sold him to a rich man for a slave, a house servant!

Joseph was a very good boy, apparently, he was pretty righteous. He did well and he governed the house well and took good care of his master's affairs until he was the chief one in his house, until Potiphar's wife tried to get him into bed and then accused him before her husband, his master, that he had tried to rape her! And so what could the master do but throw him in prison where he languished in prison for a long time, we don't know just how long, and that was quite a humbling experience!

He was really down and discouraged and probably wondered why the Lord put him through all those things!

Then once he was down and really humbled and broken and had nothing left but the Lord, then the Lord began to raise him up and gave him those dreams! The dreams got him to Pharaoh and got him in a good position, a good job with Pharaoh until he became second in the whole kingdom. ⁽³⁾

Joseph had to be made a slave and a prisoner and be condemned as a criminal before God was able to exalt him to become the savior of His people! (Genesis 37,39-41)
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(Dad wrote:) And look at Moses, the king's adopted son, prince of Egypt, skilled in the arts and sciences and knowledge of the Egyptians--a mighty man, a civilized man--becomes a mere shepherd out in the hills of the desolate country of Sinai! This certainly must have been a tremendous humbling for Moses! It took 40 more years before God had him ready to become the deliverer and the savior of the Children of Israel of 80 years of age!

Moses was 40 years of age when he fled from Egypt, and was just about to become the king of Egypt at that time, according to secular history. He was reared by the king's daughter. The king of Egypt accepted him as a grandson and had no other heir, and was counting on Moses to take over Egypt as the next king. Instead he turns out to be nothing but a shepherd in the land of Sinai! It must have been a very deeply humiliating thing for this great man!

God must teach us humility before we are able to lead others! He must teach us to be willing to be led by God Himself before we can lead others also!

Moses had to be humbled; he had to be taught to know God better and be drawn close to God and depend utterly upon God--not his own prowess, intelligence, education and knowledge of the Egyptian culture, language, habits, customs, civilization,

sciences, arts and so on--but just to depend upon God! I'm sure that his natural abilities and his knowledge of the language and all must have come in handy, in his dealings with Pharaoh; but nevertheless, he had to depend utterly upon God if he was going to be used of God! ⁽⁵⁾

(Dad wrote:) And consider King David, the greatest king that Israel ever had: When he fell in love with Bathsheba, purposely had her husband, Uriah, killed in battle, and then tried to lie and cover up the entire crime! ⁽⁶⁾

And then he was completely exposed--his wickedness and his sins and his weaknesses were completely exposed when he was sitting up there on his throne so high and mighty and seemingly so perfect and self-righteous. The Prophet came along and pointed a finger at him and said, "Thou art the man!" (2Sam.12) You're the wicked one, the sinner!--And then the judgments of God began to fall and he lost his little boy, the first child of Bathsheba, and later he lost his throne, he lost his favorite son, Absalom, he lost his kingdom, he was driven off and had to run for his life in disgrace and sneak out across the river by night, he just lost everything, everything but Bathsheba, she stuck by him. He lost his other wives. He was just absolutely stripped except for a few loyal friends and a small army. His enemies cursed him and gloated over his defeat and railed against him and he was stripped even of his family, his other relatives and sons and daughters, and Absalom usurped the throne!

A guy couldn't have gone down in worse defeat than king David did! And worst of all, he had become a self-righteous sinner because he covered it all up and pretended to be so righteous and all that, judging other people's problems when, as the Prophet as good as said, "How can you sit here on the throne judging other peoples' problems when you've got the biggest problem of all, you're the biggest sinner of all and you haven't made it right, you haven't straightened things out!" He was really something! He killed another man for his wife and more or less almost stole another one, Abigail, and her husband died, but that seemed to have been the will and judgment of God, because he wouldn't feed David and his men. (1Sam.25)

David really went through a lot of things. He apparently had a lot of spiritual pride that had to be humbled, because look what a great hero he was to begin with! Even as a little boy he was a great hero. He even fought a lion to protect his sheep and killed the lion.--As I recall it was with his bare hands! Then all Israel knew what a great hero he was when he killed Goliath, the giant! They were praising his name above King Saul, saying that "Saul hath slain his thousands but David hath slain his tens of thousands!"

(1Sam.18:7-9) And so King Saul almost rightly said, "Well, what does this fellow want? What can he have more than the throne?" They were praising him more than the King!

Then he had to escape for his life several times from Saul. It could be that he was a little bit proud. The Lord had to finally really humble him and disgrace him and really debase him down to the bottom before he finally really became humble and sympathetic to others and wrote those marvelous Psalms! There are all kinds of discouragement in those Psalms, you can see where he got terribly discouraged and he wondered if the Lord had forsaken him and everything. Then he cries to the Lord and the Lord comes through and saves him.

So David is a dandy bad example, yet a great example of a great man who was apparently lifted up in pride for a while and thereby got into great sin and thereby he had to have a great humbling, a great judgment, a great confession and really terrible stripping of everything. ⁽⁷⁾

(Dad wrote:) But was David's fall really a fall downward, or a fall upward? God's way up is sometimes down--usually in fact!--Just the opposite of what we think! And David was humbled, and the whole kingdom was humbled, and they were all reminded that it was only the Lord Who made them great! And from that squeezing and twisting of David's life came forth the sweet honey of the Psalms, and the fragrance of His praises to the Lord for His mercy!--A lesson that's been an encouragement to other great sinners like me and you ever since!

By the time God's ready to make you really great, He makes absolutely nothing out of you, so there's nothing left of you at all--and it's only Jesus! When He can get you out of the way, then He has a chance! When you become nothing but a tool and a channel--nothing but a little diamond of dust, then God can really use you! But He has to break and humble and melt you in the fire, purge you, purify you, sift you, beat out the chaff! He has to beat the hell out of you till there's none of it left--crucify the flesh till it's dead as a doornail--mortify the mind, till it's almost gone--so that Jesus can live and think and move in you! Did God make a mistake?--Or is all this necessary to make us what we ought to be? ⁽⁸⁾

Remember that I said King David was a man after My Own heart? Many scholars and Bible theologians have their own interpretation of what I meant when I said that, and for each person it can certainly mean something different. But the pith of the matter is that David was a man after My Own heart because his heart was broken, his life was crushed and bruised, he fell and allowed Me to lift him up again, and from that heart came forth the beauty, power and fragrance of humility and dependence upon Me.

But the price David paid for that brokenness and humility was great. He sinned greatly before Me--but then great was his repentance, and great was his dependence on Me and love for Me as a result. I didn't hold David's sins against him, in fact, from David's sins and My consequent judgments upon him came forth something very great within David's heart. That greatness was his humility. Therefore, great humility, great brokenness and utter dependence on Me were the fruit of David's repentance for his sins and disobedience. These qualities of spirit overtook and replaced all else in David's heart, and that's why I could say he was a man after My Own heart.⁽⁹⁾

Your father David was given his name because I fashioned him in many ways after My King David of old--who, though he was a man of many faults and failings in man's eyes, yet because he allowed Me to use each failing as a chance to teach him and others and draw him closer to Me, he became a man after My Own heart.

Too often all people want to see is the "man after My Own heart" part of My servants. They want the finished product, but choke on the method and process which I must put them through to get there. They want the fruits of humility and closeness to Me, but don't want to see the depths of despair and hopelessness resulting from being humiliated by their weaknesses and failings, which create the fruits.⁽¹⁰⁾

I work differently in each individual's heart, for I know what will keep each person humble and broken and close to Me. It's all for the same end result, that they may learn and see and know beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are weak in themselves. Once they know this, then My strength may be perfected in their weakness.

I allow some to have physical afflictions, which are like thorns in their flesh, and these things keep them humble, broken, and desperate. Through these physical afflictions, they see that they are weak and they have no strength to heal themselves, so they are dependent upon My strength and My healing touch. I give different ones different measures of physical afflictions. This is according to My plan, according to My calling and the different ministries that I give to each one.

To others I give good health, but I work in their lives in different ways. I may ask them to give up loved ones, to forsake even children, wives or husbands, so they may learn to put Me first in their lives. This again causes a breaking, a humbling. It causes them to be weak in themselves so they are dependent upon My strength to pull them through.

To others I give a job or a ministry which is not easy for them. They may prefer to go someplace else, to have a more exciting job or a different ministry, but that's not My

highest will for them. So I call them to sign a blank sheet of paper and I ask them to be yielded and willing to do what I want them to do, and this causes them to be humble, broken, and dependent upon My grace and My strength.

To others I give a calling or ministry that carries a great weight or responsibility, a job that they know they're not capable of doing on their own. They realize that they don't have the strength or power in themselves to do such an important task or mission, that it's beyond their own limited capabilities, so it causes them to cry out and be desperate for My strength. They see that they're weak in themselves and they need My anointing to have the strength to do their jobs.

So you see, there are many ways that I work in My children's lives to help them to become weak and dependent on Me. But what I want My children to understand is that I allow these things to happen because I love them. I love each and every one, individually. Even the very hairs of their head are numbered. So all the events that happen in their lives--the different breakings and humblings, the different experiences I put them through, the different situations I place them in--these things all come from My hand and are a part of My plan. I allow them to happen because I love them and I wish to draw them close to Me.

If My children are proud and strong in themselves and feel capable in their own flesh, then they are distant from Me, and I must allow difficulties to happen to help get rid of pride, to help them see and understand that they can't do it in the arm of the flesh, and to help them to truly become weak in themselves. Once they are, then I can pour in My Spirit and give them My strength.

If a vessel is full of its own ideas, its own plans, its own strength, and feels it needs no help, then there's no room for My Spirit. The vessel must be empty and it must desire, it must suck for My strength and My Spirit; this vessel I will fill.

I love you, My children, and I know what's best for each of you. So allow Me to work in your lives, to humble you and break you and draw you closer to Me. Be thankful that I make you weak in yourselves, for by so doing, you become strong in Me. ⁽¹¹⁾

(Dad speaking:) The good kind of weakness to have is to be dependent upon the Lord for everything. This kind of attitude will be a strength to you, because when you're depending on the Lord and turning to Him for the answers to everything, like you should and like He wants you to, then you'll be strong in Him.

That's the true strength of weakness--knowing that you need Him, that you need to turn to Him for the answers, and faithfully doing that. You're weak in yourself in that you don't rely on your own ideas of what's the right thing to do, but instead you ask the Lord. You're weak in that you don't automatically feel like you know the answers or

understand the situation, or that you don't need to pray about something, but you always ask the Lord. Your first reaction should be to pray and ask the Lord about things--about everything.

That's the good kind of weakness--the weakness of not being confident that you know what's best to do in the natural. And even if you do know what to do, or think you do, you still ask the Lord about it and humbly follow His lead. It's good because then you're letting the Lord work through you and perform His will. You're letting Him have control. You're letting Him make the decisions and do things His way--and that's when your weakness turns into your strength. ⁽¹²⁾

The truth is that I can only use humble, broken, yielded men and women, and the way I obtain these great employees is by bringing about things that will keep them desperate and feeling like they're nothing without Me. So when you feel like you're at the bottom of the heap, look up, because you can bet your bottom dollar that I'm getting ready to really use you! ⁽¹³⁾

I am nigh to them that are of a broken heart, and I give grace to the humble. What this means is that there is a special closeness that is given to those who are humble and desperate for Me. And this humility and desperation is born most often in those who have hit bottom and are clinging to nothing else in life but their love for Me and their desire to live in the spirit and partake of Me more fully. This is a special gift given to them, the honey that only comes forth after the squeezing. ⁽¹⁴⁾

There is no greater honor that can be bestowed upon a man, than that a man is so low that I can touch him, and that a man is so weak that I can keep him, and that a man is so desperate that I will hear him. For the honor of God is different than the honor of man. ⁽¹⁵⁾

You are human. You aren't perfect. You make mistakes, and when you do, you are sorry and feel ashamed of them. That's what I love about you. If you were perfect, you would feel like you didn't need Me, that you didn't need forgiveness. You wouldn't be as humble and loving with Me. You would feel that you could make it on your own goodness and by your own merit. But because you are human and you make mistakes, you recognize your need for Me more, and you come to Me in love and humility, and this makes Me love you more. ⁽¹⁶⁾

No man can save himself, or add Me and My power and virtue to himself by the force of his own will and works. That's the madness of self-righteous man. It's only in failing, in falling, in being weak and in need, and in desperation calling out to Me to do for you what you know you can't do for yourself that the miracle of deliverance from your problems by My great power can be performed. ⁽¹⁷⁾

Give the Lord All the Credit and Glory

(Dad wrote:) It's got to be the Lord and He wants to do it and He wants to get the credit for it and the glory. If in any way, shape or form you think you're going to get a little credit for it and be able to brag about how you did it and made it and had the faith and all the rest, He's apt to slap you down a little to show you Who's Boss and make you say "Uncle!" to really humble you and make you look to the Lord.

He knows how to keep you in line, keep you in check so you don't get the big head and don't get too puffed up and too self-confident, have too great a sense of false security. The Lord really knows how to keep you in line, keep you in shape, toeing the mark so you won't miss the mark. So, praise the Lord. ⁽¹⁸⁾

All too often the ones that I anoint look at their accomplishments and begin to think that it's something that they've done. I then have to remove the anointing and look for another vessel--one that is humble and broken, one that knows they're nothing and will do what I bid them do without reservation. This is how I would have you be. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Remember in all that I give you to do that it is not of yourself, but it is only Me. I am He Who does all things, and Who gives strength. You are nothing without Me, and the minute you start thinking that it's you, you will fall. So stay close to Me in humility. Humble yourself before others. Confess your faults. Ask for prayer when you need it. ⁽²⁰⁾

I caution you to strive to do the humble thing, and never for a second think that this work is of you, or of your own doing, or due to your own good works. You must continually give Me the glory and realize that I am the One Who is doing the work through you.

If you allow anything to go to your head or if you allow it to minister to your pride, then I will have to take away My blessings, and I will not be able to accomplish the work that I wish to do through you. ⁽²¹⁾

The anointing is not guaranteed unless there is real desperation, yieldedness, submission and humility in My sight. For pride and the arm of the flesh and the strength of the flesh inhibits My anointing, and prevents Me from being able to pour forth My anointing as I would. I pour into those who are humble before Me, those who know they are nothing, who are empty of themselves, who create a vacuum and say, "Lord, I need You! I must have You! Give me the anointing, the power, the seeds of Love that I might do Your will!"

This humility before Me, this desperation in creating a vacuum, is the most important qualification for My great witness. ⁽²²⁾

Every time you're tempted to pat yourself on the back for something that you've done, turn that thought into a prayer of praise and meekness. Every time you're tempted to take even a little bit of glory to yourself, turn that into a song of thankfulness and gratitude to Me, the One Who has given you all that you possess, your Creator Who has created every single moving part of your body. Praise Me and love Me and thank Me constantly and always give Me the glory at every turn for anything good that you do.

Remember, if you do something good, that's a sure sign that I was with you, I was helping you, and I am the One that deserves the glory and the honor. On Earth, it is your responsibility and your duty to give Me the honor and glory and thanks for everything! When you get to Heaven it will be My turn to praise you and give you your due honor and respect. I'll pat you on the back when you get up Here, and I'll give you your rewards, your crown, and your gifts and medals for a job well done.

On Earth you must serve Me in humility and meekness, but one day you will receive your due honor. Wouldn't you rather give Me all the glory and honor on Earth now, and receive your reward when you get up Here? Or would you rather receive the praise of men while on Earth instead of basking in honor on High? I think you'll agree that it's worth it to praise and honor Me there and now, and let Me praise and honor you at the end of your life's journey. ⁽²³⁾

The Humility Plan!

If you think about it, you'll see that it stands to reason I would be tempted with pride. After all, in My days of glory on Earth, though My enemies sought to kill Me, those were also the weeks and months when the crowds and the masses hailed Me. During My days of popularity, the Devil tempted Me with the pride of life.

He tempted Me time and again to take the credit to Myself, to pat Myself on the back and indulge in self-glory for the mighty things My Father did for Me. I could have easily taken the credit for all those miracles, had I yielded to pride. The only way I was able to resist this temptation was to be constantly looking to My Father in Heaven and calling on Him for help. When I did this, He again gave Me a plan. This time it was the humility plan. Whenever I was tempted with pride, He said the way to combat it was to openly give Him all the credit and all the glory, even when My flesh didn't feel like it.

This is why I regularly reminded My disciples and those around Me that in Myself, in My flesh, I could not do one mighty thing, and I knew nothing except what the Father showed Me. This was the absolute truth, and voicing it, reminding others of this fact, not only gave rightful credit to Whom credit was due, but it helped Me to continue walking the humble road. I had to constantly give My Father the credit and the glory, and because I did, I was able to resist the temptation of pride.

The next step of the humility plan My Father gave Me was this: After I was sure to give Him the credit, I could then reach out and do a humble deed. His advice was never to pass up a needy situation without doing something about it, and to never pass up an opportunity to do the humble thing. He said, "Ask Me every time. Ask Me what I want You to do in every situation, and I'll make it clear to You. I'll show You what action to take right there on the spot in every situation You find yourself in. I'll show You how You can demonstrate My love through Your humility. Humility, My Son, is the key to combating the pride of life that plagues the flesh."

So I followed this plan step by step, and as I did, My Father showed Me how I could put humility into action by getting up and doing the humble thing. As you know, He led Me to take on the role of a servant. Oftentimes He led Me to lay My Own desires aside and reach out to those around Me--whether it was walking out of My way to heal the sick, or stooping to lift a soul that was weary with a sincere smile, a kind word, a warm embrace, or a reassuring pat on the back.

There were so many ways He showed Me I could be humble. He showed Me to always lend a listening ear to those who needed to pour out about their troubles, and I was never to be too busy to stop and acknowledge the children. He led Me to give loving appreciation to those around Me, and to show My appreciation through deeds of

kindness and love. He led Me to put the needs of others first, before My Own, making sure the others in My company had a place to sleep, enough food, a warm coat when needed, and a shoulder to lean on.

There were endless ways the Father showed Me I could show humility--most of which I have spoken about to you today at various times. And as I followed His instruction every time, I was able to resist the temptation of pride.

So you see, I also had to battle and resist these sins of the flesh--not only learning to resist leaning on the arm of My flesh, but learning to resist the pride that threatened Me! But as I resisted, as I turned to My Father instead for His strength and help to keep walking the humble road, that's when He was able to manifest His strength and power through Me. This is how I was able to work great miracles--by walking in humility, by not leaning to the arm of My flesh, but by leaning on the power of Heaven to do through Me what I could not do in My flesh alone. ⁽²⁴⁾

Do the Humble Thing

Seek to be humble. Seek to do those things which are humbling, and rejoice in them. When there is a choice to do the proud thing or the humble thing, always choose to do the humble thing. For therein lies My blessing, therein lies My strength, therein lies My Love, and therein lies the joy that you seek. ⁽²⁵⁾

It's a daily battle to be humble and not proud. Being humble is not just a frame of mind or a spiritual condition, but it's a lifestyle that you embrace by doing the humble thing. To be humble you have to aggressively do the humble thing, not the proud thing. ⁽²⁶⁾

Though it often seems a challenge and strain, "Doing the humble thing," can in fact really improve things in your life and make them easier. When you do the humble thing, when you walk in a spirit of meekness and humility, you find freedom. Not having to worry about what people think of you, because you're already humbled and humiliated in their eyes anyway, is a huge freedom, and a huge weight off your shoulders.

If you find that you often worry about the opinions of others, or you feel hindered or bound or pressured by concerns about your image or appearance or whatever it is that concerns you about yourself, take some positive action and step out and do something humbling and thus liberating in spirit. It really and truly does take a load off your mind, and therefore your body as well.

It's amazing how much mental and even physical stress some people put on themselves by being bound up in their pride, by letting pride and fear hold them back from doing things that require humility and require them to get out of themselves.

Doing something giving, something loving, something fun, out of the ordinary, and wild and free--just anything that is humbling--is good for you, and on the overall it makes you less uptight, making it easier for you to be around other people and close to them, and makes it easier for others to be around you too. ⁽²⁷⁾

Humility is manifested in so many different ways, and there are so many things you can do on a day-to-day basis that will help you to stay humble, meek, lowly and desperate before Me.

On a day-to-day basis you should always remember to give Me the glory for anything and everything good that you do. If you receive an inspiring message from Me, or from one of your spirit helpers, or from Dad, and someone says, "Wow, that was such an inspiring message," right away give the glory to Me and proclaim that it is not you, could never be you, and will never be you. Humbly say, "Praise the Lord! Isn't it amazing what a weak and incapable vessel the Lord can use to give us His messages?" Or, "Thank You Jesus! Yes, I was thrilled by the messages from Heaven too! Isn't our wonderful Lover amazing? He gives us such jewels from Heaven. What a priceless privilege it is!" Or, "Yes, thank You, Jesus, for those messages. Thank You that You speak to us, Your beggars who are so desperate for You and depend on You for everything. You're so good to us."

If someone thanks you and praises you for an accomplishment, you should say, "Thank You Jesus! I'm so thankful that He helped me. I couldn't have done it without Him." And not only should you say that out loud, but in your heart you should resist any temptations to get lifted up in pride by consciously thinking, "Jesus, I know that I couldn't have done anything without You. I don't want to take the credit for anything. Please help me to stay humble, to stay dependent on You, so that You can continue to use me and work through me."

If something is hard for you to do, you can usually safely assume that it's your pride that's holding you back, and therefore you should strive to do the humble thing, the thing that's uncomfortable. If you're in devotions and you're praying for the day and it's hard for you to pray in public, you should pray as often as you can, because this would be doing the humble thing. If you do this, I will bless you with humility.

If you're given the choice to do something a little wild, something that would

make you get out of yourself, then doing the thing that is uncomfortable for you and that you don't want to do would be doing the humble thing. You'd be pushing your pride out of the way and getting another dose of My humility. The key is to be willing to do the humble thing, even if it's something which goes against your natural personality or desires.

If you've wronged someone or said something sharp or unfeeling, instead of waiting for the other person to come up to you, you should be the first one to ask them for forgiveness. You should go to the one you've wronged in humility and meekness, even though it's hard on your pride. If you try to do this as often as possible, you'll receive more and more of My humility and love. Even if you think the other person has wronged you, take the humble seat and ask for forgiveness for anything you may have done to offend, even if you don't see what you could have possibly done.

Sharing your heart openly is never easy and is always humbling; that's why the Enemy fights it so hard. So do good and forget not to communicate, and exercise your humility in this way.

Learning to be completely open and honest with your shepherds is also a step towards greater humility and meekness. When you're constantly confessing that you need help and prayer and counsel, this is humbling and this kills your pride, but it's so good for you. Confessing your faults lowers your self-esteem in your own eyes, but it exalts you in My eyes and brings down My blessings.

If you have afflictions, even ailments that seem rather small and insignificant, bring them before the body and ask for prayer. Sometimes this can take a big step of humility, but I often allow little afflictions in your life for that very purpose--to humble you. If you have irritations, afflictions, or health problems--whether great or small--ask for prayer and confess your need for Me. This is active humility, and with this yielding you receive not only My healing, but also My meekness and humility.

If I've given you natural abilities continually praise Me and thank Me for these gifts. Make it your regular prayer request to always stay humble and desperate before Me. ⁽²⁸⁾

When you need prayer and it's hard to ask for it, do the humble thing. When you're embarrassed to talk about something with someone, do the humble thing. There are those in your Home that you need to spend more time with, and sometimes it's humbling for you to approach them. Do the humble thing.

There are times when you must also slow down. Slow down and take time with others. Cease from pursuing your lists of to-dos, your goals. This is also the humble thing, when you take time with people; when you allow My concern for them to come through

you; when you truly are interested in their hearts, lives, goals and desires. This is humility, because it's less of yourself and more concern for others.

The humble thing is stopping to hear from Me more throughout the day, looking to Me more, acknowledging the need for Me to give you closer direction, praying more. A lack of prayer in your life is a manifestation of pride. The more you pray, the more you show your humility. ⁽²⁹⁾

It's the day of the weak, and in order for you to show yourself weak and thus be able to receive all that I have to give, you have to admit that not only are you so weak that you need Me, but you are so weak that you need others. It requires more humility to admit this. You all want My help, the help of the omnipotent, almighty God--that's hardly a question. But to admit to yourself that you're so weak that you need the help of another weak, lacking, faulty, stumbling human being, that is a true admission of weakness. Yet through this humility comes great strength. ⁽³⁰⁾

The Humble Have Accepted That They Are Nothing

Those who are not following so closely, but are leaning more on the arm of the flesh, will be fearful of not being strong enough to carry the load, not having enough wisdom or understanding or decision-making ability in themselves for each situation.

They will constantly be afraid of doing the wrong thing, making the wrong decision, because they have only themselves to lean on. But those who are used to turning to Me and drawing their power and strength from Me have faith and trust. They're not afraid because they know that I'm the One Who has to lead and guide them, and they pin their faith and trust in My answer and My leading, and in all they do they obey what I show them.

The humble are not afraid because they've already accepted that they are nothing, that they know nothing, and can do nothing without Me and without the love and help of others. They know they need Me and they readily acknowledge this to Me and to others. So they're not afraid because they know that I will have to help them, and they've learned that I don't fail when they cry out to Me.

They've learned through experience, through humblings, that I am always ready to answer their needs and their cries for help, so they rest in Me and depend upon Me to carry them through and to work through them. They've learned the power of prayer and the power of My Spirit. So they pray and trust, they pray and listen, they pray and obey, and thus they are not afraid, for they let Me lead the way. They've learned that I truly am in control, so there's nothing to fear.

Those who have not learned to depend on Me are always afraid of their own weaknesses. They're afraid of the mistakes they will make. They're afraid of the things they don't know. They're afraid of the future. They're afraid of being free in the spirit and letting Me take control.

But all of this can be washed away as they learn to give their whole heart to Me, and as they humble themselves completely as little children before Me and let Me be their Lord and Master. ⁽³¹⁾

It's a good state to be in when you can face yourself and your lacks without getting discouraged or negative. It's not negativity when you look at yourself and say, "I know that I'm bad and there's nothing good in me, but You, my wonderful Lord, are everything! You give me that which I need, and I have no fear of lack or want in my personality, in my talents, in my work, in my relationships with others, because I know that You give me what I need the most!"

That's not being negative--that's being humble before Me, and positive, because you have faith that I'm going to be all that you need. The negativity comes in when you have an impression of yourself which is false, and then it's shattered when you see the truth. The negativity comes in when you feel you must be something in yourself, and you're not fully depending upon Me. The negativity comes in when your priorities are off, or you're not trusting Me fully.

To see yourself as bad and Me in you as the only good thing is the best place to be, and the best way to look at things. Then you're not as sensitive. You're not as stumbled or embattled when you make a mistake, for you know that I'm the only good thing, and you must just stay closer to Me! Of course, there are natural feelings of hurt when you feel you've displeased Me, but this is Godly sorrow which worketh repentance--a change of heart and life. But it lightens the load considerably and gives you a much more positive and solid attitude towards life when you can face the facts of your wicked self, and look to Me for all that you need! ⁽³²⁾

When you have accepted that anything good is only Me, when your good ideas are clearly nothing of you but My Words pouring through you, when you know that you're going to make mistakes, and need help often to get back on track, and it's clear that there's no reason to become offended and sensitive, then it's time to have a laugh at yourself. You may have the weight and the responsibility of many others on your shoulders, but you are still just human, just a fumbling, fallible man or woman.

A sign that you truly have accepted that it's only Me in you that makes anything good happen is to see the funny side of your existence. Then you can laugh at your own

fabulous flops and use them to encourage others that if you can make it, anyone can.

When you can sincerely laugh at your own blunders, you have made great progress toward becoming a humble vessel in My hand. You begin to realize that there's no need to put yourself under stress and pressure beyond what I show you, and your whole life will begin to reflect Me and My power in a new and spectacular way, rather than promoting you and your efforts. ⁽³³⁾

The secret is to stay desperate and nothing in your own sight, to constantly acknowledge your need for Me and your inability to do anything without Me. Don't make a move without My guidance or counsel, and stay humble by confessing your need for Me and others. It is the road of humility that will keep you on the right path, close to Me and out of the clutches of the Evil One. ⁽³⁴⁾

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