

Day 3

The Blessing of Humility

Scripture Reading

James 4:6–10

Key Verse

"God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6

Today's Devotional

One of the greatest dangers facing any growing church is subtle pride.

It rarely announces itself openly. More often it appears quietly.

"We've always done it this way."

"Our church is doing well."

"We know what works."

Without realizing it, we can begin trusting our experience instead of God's grace.

James reminds us that God actively opposes pride but generously gives grace to the humble.

Think about that for a moment.

The Creator of heaven and earth promises additional grace to people who willingly humble themselves before Him.

Humility is not thinking poorly of ourselves.

It is thinking rightly about ourselves before a holy God.

It recognizes that every blessing we enjoy has been received rather than earned.

Every salvation.

Every baptism.

Every faithful volunteer.

Every generous gift.

Every child learning Scripture.

Every marriage restored.

Every new family walking through our doors.

Every one of them is evidence of God's grace.

This understanding transforms the way we approach ministry.

Instead of asking, "How can we make this successful?" we ask, "Lord, how can we remain faithful?"

Instead of seeking recognition, we seek obedience.

Instead of protecting our reputation, we seek God's glory.

As we prepare for a second service and continue praying for an Associate Pastor, humility must characterize every conversation.

May our church never become impressed with itself.

May we remain amazed by God's kindness.

For where humility flourishes, God's grace is never far behind.

Think About It

1. Is there any pride God wants to expose in my heart?
2. How can I encourage humility within my family and church?
3. Am I more concerned with God's glory than my own preferences?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Keep me humble before You.

Remind me daily that every good gift comes from Your hand.

Protect our church from pride, self-sufficiency, and division.

May we be quick to serve, eager to listen, and ready to give You all the praise.

Let Your grace rest upon our congregation as we seek to honor Christ together.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Choose one convenience you normally enjoy today and willingly set it aside.

Each time you notice its absence, thank God for His undeserved grace in your life.

Prayer Focus

Pray that humility would characterize every leader, every volunteer, every member, and every decision made during this season of preparation.