**Luke 14:1-6** *(Context)*

1 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

2 And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy *[water retention]*

3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

5 Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

6 And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

**Luke 14:7-14**

7 So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

8 "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by Him;

9 and He who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when He who invited you comes He may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

11 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. *[Incentive, motive]*

13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

***Take Note:***

Fallen, independent man is fundamentally insecure, because God created man to be dependent on Him (our Father/Creator/Provider/Protector and source of life, love & purpose).

**Matt 11:29 *The source of true humility is Christ (our Savior)***

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for **I am** meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Col 3:12-15** (*the Character of the New Man)*

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** *[Christ]* tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule *[arbitrate]* in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

**1 Peter 4:12-13**

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

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***Being humbled involves:***

**Stressors** *(psychologically, emotionally & physically)*

**Suffering** *results from unfulfilled expectations - physical limitations like fatigue or loss of mobility & productivity - chronic personal failures due to poor choices - relationship challenges i.e. misunderstandings, rejection, slander, accusation, and categorization.;*

**John 3:30 *– John the Baptist got it right***

**“**He must increase, but I must decrease.”

**2 Cor 12:7-10** *Trace the Crooked Stick*

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Phil 2:5-8**

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**1 Peter 5:5-7** *Submit to God, Resist the Devil*

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves *[be humbled]* under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Heb 12:3-11**

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to **sons**:

"**My son**, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens and scourges every **son** whom He receives."

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with **sons**; for what **son** is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not **sons**.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

**Ps 119:75-77**

75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

77 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for Your law is my delight.

**Rev 12:10-11**

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the **Accuser** of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their (soul) lives to the death.