



Love Does

Part 3 – Love is Humble

Discussion Guide

True love requires that we put others above ourselves. We must constantly serve and sacrifice for them if we want to truly love the way Jesus did. The foundation of being able to love like this is humility. In today's study guide, we dive into what humility is and how can we adopt Biblical humility in today's culture.

Jump Start

1. Share an embarrassing or humbling moment.
2. *The foundation of a great life is humility.* Read [1 Corinthians 13:4](#). What is humility? In what ways does our culture promote being boastful or proud? In what environments /situations have you been boastful or proud?
3. *Humility brings honor.* Read [Proverbs 29:23 and Proverbs 15:33](#). Why does humility lead to honor? Have you seen any examples of this happening? If we believe pride leads to a fall and humility leads to honor, why are we still drawn towards getting attention through prideful endeavors? What areas of your life do you most seek honor (work, home, among friends)? Are you trying to gain honor through humility or pride in these areas?
4. *Humility brings grace.* Read [James 4:3-10](#). What does “humbling yourself before God” mean, according to this passage? Why is humility necessary to receive the full grace of God? What prevents us from fully feeling the weight of our sin and humbling ourselves before God?
5. *Humility Heals.* Read [2 Chronicles 7:12-15](#). This passage occurs shortly after Israel (under Solomon's leadership) has completed the temple. The people are still suffering and are seeking God, looking for answers. Why does God ask that His people humble themselves before He brings healing? In what areas of your life are you seeking healing or restoration? Have you humbled yourself (to His plan, acknowledged your sin, etc.) as you prepare for His healing?

6. *Humility Heals*. This passage describes a great commander and warrior (Naaman) seeking to be healed from leprosy (or a similar skin disease). When the king of Israel did not know how to bring healing, the prophet Elisha steps in to help on behalf of God. **Read [2 Kings 5:10-14](#)**. Why were Elisha's instructions so humbling for Naaman? Though those around him claim this is a simple task, why did Naaman view this as a difficult task? Sometimes, being humble is simply to acknowledge that something is wrong, and we don't have the answers. Why is this so difficult for us?

Deeper

Looking through the Old Testament, we see that many of the prophets, kings, and leaders of Israel desired a closer connection with God. They wanted to be in His Presence and experience Him in a real way. Even though many of them performed or saw great miracles, they never got to fully experience God's love the way we can today. The love we have the opportunity to experience every day is exactly what many of our Old Testament "heroes" sought. Check out these passages as we better understand the way we can experience God's love.

7. **Read [Genesis 3:22-24](#)**. This passage tells what happened shortly after the first sin in Eden. Why did God need to banish Adam and Eve? Do you consider this extreme? Why is this moment so significant? **Read also [Ezekiel 28:16-17](#)**. Why must God deal with pride in us?
8. This passage is Moses' plea to God during his time in the desert, leading the children of Israel for 40 years! Remember, he has already seen and been part of many miracles during the escape from Egypt. **Read [Exodus 33:12-23](#)**. What is Moses' big ask? Why does he desire to see God directly, when he has already seen the Red Sea parted, manna appear like dew on the ground, and numerous other miracles?
9. **Read [Psalm 27:4](#)**. This song is written by David during a time of war. Why is David so hungry for God's Presence? What is the one thing you desire above all else? What does humility and pride have to do with seeking God?
10. **Read [John 15:9-17](#), [Luke 22:20](#), and [John 14:15-21](#)**. What is the New Covenant? How do these verses line up with the Old Testament stories we read? Have you fully appreciated the opportunity you have to be in constant, intimate relationship with God? How so? If not, what is holding you back?