**Set Free by Humility**

Luke 14:1-14

**Luke 14:11 (ESV)**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

1. **Jesus calls for humility in your approach to God’s Word.**

**Luke 14:1 (ESV)**One Sabbath, when He went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully.

**Luke 14:2 (ESV)**And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy.

**Luke 14:3 (ESV)**And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”

**Luke 14:4 (ESV)**But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away.

**Luke 14:5 (ESV)**And He said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”

**Luke 14:6 (ESV)**And they could not reply to these things.

**Psalm 119:89 (ESV)**Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

**Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

**Matthew 24:35 (ESV)**Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

**Genesis 2:24 (ESV)**Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

1. **Jesus calls for humility in your assessment of yourself.**

**Luke 14:7 (ESV)**Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,

**Luke 14:8 (ESV)**“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,

**Luke 14:9 (ESV)**and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

**Luke 14:10 (ESV)**But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

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**Proverbs 18:12 (ESV)**Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

1. **Jesus calls for humility in your actions toward others.**

**Luke 14:12 (ESV)**He said also to the man who had invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

**Luke 14:13 (ESV)**But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

**Luke 14:14 (ESV)**and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

**Philippians 2:3 (NLT)**Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

**Philippians 2:4 (NLT)**Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

**Philippians 2:5 (NLT)**You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

“*Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself than of other people, nor does it mean having a low opinion of your own gifts. It means freedom from thinking about yourself one way or the other at all.”* - William Temple