

GOD WORKS THROUGH PROBLEMS

Family Devotion – Lesson 28

MEMORY VERSE – 1 PETER 5:6

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

- To be humble means:
 - to be lowly in mind and spirit
 - to be submissive and meek
 - not to be arrogant or prideful
 - not to think of yourself as being better than others
- An example of someone who was humble is the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 12:7).
- An example of someone who was not humble is the Pharisee in Luke 18:10-12.
- True humility is:

Honoring God above yourself

Understanding your need for grace

Mourning over your sin

Illuminating God’s glory

Looking for ways to serve others

Ignoring your pride and Satan’s lies

Trusting God’s plan over your own

Yearning to worship

- Regardless of what happens in life, good or bad, we should humble ourselves. God will allow certain things to happen in order to reveal pride or prevent it from taking over. Be patient! This is all preparation for exaltation (James 4:10). God wants to exalt you so you can glorify Him. If you are not prepared with humility, God will not get the glory because your pride will steal it from Him.
- *“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted”* (Mt. 23:12).
- The next problem you face may be the hand of God trying to humble you. A problem may be God’s way of preventing you from getting prideful and preparing you for a new position.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Read James 4:6. Why do you think God resists the proud?
- Has there ever been a time in your life when God used a problem to humble you? Explain.

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to keep you humble.
- Ask God to show you where you have pride.

CHALLENGE

- The next time you face a problem, ask God to teach you humility.