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Proverbs 3:34

He mocks those who mock but gives grace to the **humble**.

James 4:6

... {God} gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the **humble**.*”

God must work **humility** into us so that He can bless, favor and use us.

Humility is one of the most misunderstood and least desired virtues.

I Samuel 18:1-4

When David had finished speaking with Saul, **Jonathan** was bound to David in close friendship, and loved him as much as he loved himself. Saul kept David with him from **that day** on and did not let him return to his father’s house. Jonathan made a **covenant** with David because he loved him as much as himself. Then Jonathan removed the **robe** he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his **military tunic, his sword, his bow, and his belt**.

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The Foundations of Humility:

- **Seeing what God has done (Goliath ☞ Cross)**
- **Accepting whose Kingdom it is (David ☞ Jesus)**
- **Embracing our role in it (Jonathan ☞ us)**

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3 Things Humility is Not:

- Insecurity
- Indecisiveness
- Inactivity

I Samuel 18:5-7

David marched out with the army and was **successful** (=acted wisely ... prospered) in everything **Saul** sent him to do. Saul put him in command of the fighting men, which pleased all the people and Saul's servants as well.

As the troops were coming back, when David was returning from killing the Philistine, the women came out from all the cities of Israel to meet King Saul, singing and dancing with tambourines, with shouts of joy, and with three-stringed instruments. As they danced, the women sang: "*Saul has killed his thousands, but David his tens of thousands.*"

David met the challenge of Goliath with humble dependence.

Now, how will he handle the challenge of success?

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I Samuel 18:8-9

Saul was furious and resented this song. "They credited tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but they only credited **me** with thousands. What more can he have but the **kingdom**?" So Saul watched David **jealously** from that day forward.

David: in prosperity AND adversity

I Samuel 18:10-11

The next day an **evil spirit** sent from God came powerfully on Saul ...

Romans 1:28

.. because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God **delivered** them over to a **corrupt mind** so that they do what is not right.

I Samuel 18:10-11

...and he began **to rave** inside the palace. David was playing the lyre as usual, but Saul was holding a spear, and he threw it, thinking, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David got away from him **twice**.

David: in (humble) submission on the platform God has currently given him

I Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the **proper time** ...

God does not just want David to be King but to be a **certain type of King.**

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Three Characteristics of True Humility:

- Dependent upon **God's grace**
- Unconcerned with **power, prestige and position**
- Trust in **God's Word** (even when it's hard to understand ...)

I Samuel 18:12-17

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had left Saul. Therefore, Saul sent David away from him and made him commander over a thousand men. David led the troops and **continued to be successful** in all his activities because the Lord was **with** him. When Saul observed that David was very successful, he dreaded him. But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was leading their troops. Saul told David, "Here is my oldest daughter Merab. I'll give her to you as a wife if you will be a warrior for me and fight the Lord's battles." But Saul was thinking, "I don't need to raise a hand against him; let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

How does humility manifest in this situation ... in my situation ...?

I Samuel 18:18-19

Then David responded, "Who am I, and what is my family or my father's clan in Israel that I should become the king's son-in-law?" When it was time to give Saul's daughter Merab to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.

I Samuel 18:20-27

Now Saul's daughter **Michal** loved David, and when it was reported to Saul, it pleased him. "I'll give her to him," Saul thought. "She'll be a **trap** for him, and the hand of the Philistines will be against him." So Saul said to David a second time, "You can **now** be my son-in-law." Saul then

ordered his servants, "Speak to David in private and tell him, 'Look, the king is pleased with you, and all his servants love you. Therefore, you should become the king's son-in-law.'" Saul's servants reported these words directly to David, but he replied, "Is it trivial in your sight to become the king's son-in-law? I am a **poor commoner**." The servants reported back to Saul, "These are the words David spoke." Then Saul replied, "Say this to David: 'The king desires no other bride-price except a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.'" Actually, Saul intended to cause David's death at the hands of the Philistines. When the servants reported these terms to David, he was pleased to become the king's son-in-law. Before the wedding day arrived, David and his men went out and killed **two hundred** Philistines ... Then Saul gave his daughter Michal to David as his wife. Saul realized that the **Lord was with David** and that his daughter Michal loved him, and he became even more afraid of David. As a result, Saul was David's enemy from then on. Every time the Philistine commanders came out to fight, David was **more successful** than all of Saul's officers. So his name became well known.

See that there is **protection in humility** –

- From victimhood, bitterness and cynicism
- From self-oriented stress, worry & fear
- From irrational actions that come from pride

See that every situation is an **opportunity to humble** ourselves.

- Difficult people
- Unfair attitudes toward us
- Prosperity & success

See that there is **One greater** than David ...

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God **a thing to be grasped**, but **emptied Himself**, by taking the **form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has **highly exalted Him** and bestowed on Him the **name that is above every name**, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.