

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Among the 3 expressions of humility (seeker, student, servant), where am I the strongest? The weakest? How can I be better in the area where I am weak?
2. Am I willing to be mentored? Make a list of your potential mentors and start praying for them, then talk to them.
3. Am I willing to be a mentor?

LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:

APR 2, 2011....FEAST

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

APR 9, 2011....FEAST

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

APR 16, 2011....COMMUNITY-WIDE LENTEN RETREAT.

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

APR 30-MAY 1, 2011....LIVE-IN MARRIAGE DEEPENING RETREAT (MDR),

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May 7, 2011....FEAST

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

May 14, 2011....FEAST (MAY 23 IS VICTORIA DAY)

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

May 28 & 29....LIVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 100),

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUNE 4 & 18....FEASTS

HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

JUNE 9 & 16....FEASTS

MILTON SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM (PLS. NOTE VENUE)

AUG 12,13,14....LIVE-IN YOUTH JESUS ENCOUNTER

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Prophecies March 5, 2011:

Isaiah 41:18-19. "My child, do not cling to the things of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already, you can see it now."

Luke 6:35-36. "Love your enemies, do good to them and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High God because He is good to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful just as your Father is merciful."

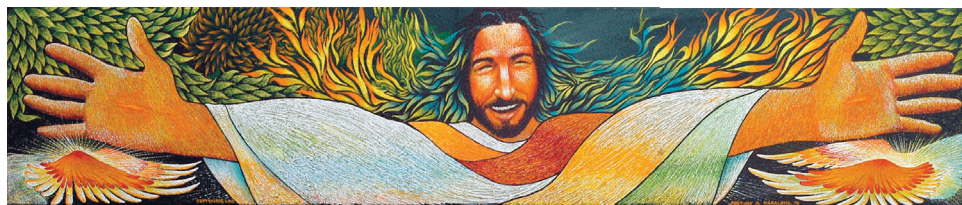
"I would like to confirm the message from Luke. The Lord God says 'I am your God and I love you my children' thus says the Lord"

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Talk 3: Humility - Be Mentored By Mentors If You Want To Be A Life Champion, Be Humble

God's Kindness Is Like The Sun

Do you believe that God will transform your burdens to blessings?

Right now, you may feel like you have a Great Wall of Burdens in your life. And it feels like that this wall is blocking the flow of God's blessing into your life. Perhaps it's a sickness, or a relationship conflict, or a financial burden, or a job difficulty. Perhaps you're asking God why He allowed this Great Wall of Burdens to happen.

Brothers and sisters, I want you to believe that your Great Wall of Burdens will one day be the very reason why giant Blessings will start to overflow in your life.

One way these burdens can turn into blessings is by staying humble.

Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised! (Mt 5:5)

Why will we receive God's promises?

Because a humble person is like an empty bowl. A proud person is like a bowl filled to the brim. A humble person is empty and is therefore ready to receive the blessings of God. A proud person can't receive because he's already full.

Am I empty? Sometimes, God allows difficulties to happen in our lives to humble us. So that we become empty again.

That's why the Bible says...**Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great. (Mt. 23:12)**

If we're not humble, life will find a way of humbling us. Life will humble us by a sickness, a business loss, a family problem, a broken friendship, or a job difficulty. If we don't become humble, we will be humbled. God promises that the humble will inherit the earth.

Do I want to receive the promises of God for my life? Do I want to heal my relationships? Do I want to be blessed in my job and business? **Then, I must be humble.** Only then will I inherit the earth.

Removing The Confusion From Humility

Humility confuses a lot of people because it's just like a chocolate covered peanut. We've mixed humility (peanut) with other stuff (chocolate) that doesn't belong to humility. We need to remove these "other stuff" so we can discover and understand humility better.

We confuse timidity or shyness with humility. We think that when a person is shy or coy, he/she is humble. But this is not the case because they're worlds apart! Timidity is a matter of personality, or insecurity, or cowardice, or selfishness. But it isn't humility. In fact, one can be humble and confident at the same time. Yes, we can be humble and aggressive at the same time!

So What Is Humility?

Humility is a multi-faceted jewel. But all these facets point to one thing: Being empty. I believe this emptiness has three distinct expressions...

- A Humble Person is a Seeker
- A Humble Person is a Student
- A Humble Person is a Servant

1. A Humble Person Is A Seeker

Humility is being desperate to be filled up by God.

When we have a problem we can't solve, we become humble. We're forced to be empty. And being empty is good. Because we have more space for blessings.

2. A Humble Person Is A Student

The more we know, the more we know that we don't know. *And the more we succeed, the more humble we should be.*

The day a successful person stops being humble is the day he prepares for his downfall.

Success Can Only Come From Humility

Humility is being empty. The moment we *think* we're full, there'll be no space for anything new. We become complacent then we become unteachable because we think we know everything. The moment we get seduced by success, we will lose our humility. The road to failure is set up by complacency paved by unteachability that leads to pride. However, we can counter this by being "empty" or opening our hearts to new insights whether gained from listening to others, reading books, attending The Feasts, seminars or retreats or even during our quiet time with the Lord.

Get A Mentor

Perhaps one can achieve some success without a mentor. But I believe that a high-level, enduring, fantastic success cannot be achieved without a mentor. Look in the Bible and you'll see mentoring. Samuel mentored David. Naomi mentored Ruth. Paul mentored Timothy. Moses mentored Joshua.

The Shortcut To Success

A person's success comes from God's Mercy, and from no other reason. And God's Mercy sometimes come in a form of Mentors. Just as the apostles had Jesus as their mentor, so should we have a mentor in every area of our life, if possible. Our marriage could be so much better if we had a Family Mentor, a person who has a beautiful marriage and who loves children. Our finances could be so much better if we had a Financial Mentor, someone who loves God with his/her wealth. Our health could be so much better if we had a Health Mentor with the gift of

healing. And the most important of all, our soul could be so much better if we had a Spiritual Mentor.

A humble person sees God in every human being. A humble person is slow to judge. A humble person focuses on the strengths of each person (not on his weaknesses) and learns from those strengths.

Let's Open Our Eyes

But where can I find a mentor? I believe God has already sent you Mentors. God has pre-arranged special people in your life to inspire you, challenge you, teach you, and train you. Some of these Mentors are right beside you. You can call them. You can have lunch with them. Some of these Mentors aren't beside you, but their words are available to you through books, talks, and seminars.

But many times, we don't recognize a Mentor God has sent into our life. Goodness, some Mentors don't even look like a Mentor. But if we'll be empty enough and humble enough, we'll be surprised at the Mentors God will send to us!

Here's the point: Our life can be so much richer if we stay empty and willing to learn from anyone whom God sends towards our direction. In fact, in the Bible, God even used a donkey to speak His word (See Numbers 22).

Finally, humility has a third expression...

3. A Humble Person Is A Servant

Some people also confuse humility with low self-worth. They think that when they see themselves as ugly, ungifted and unlovable, they're being humble. But this is very far from the truth because low self-worth has nothing to do with humility.

Low self-worth is a virus. Humility is a virtue. Low self-worth is thinking of yourself in a small way. Humility is not thinking of yourself at all, period. In other words, Selfless. Why? Because you're thinking of others more.

The Bible says, ***be humble towards one another, always considering others better than yourselves.*** (Philippians 2:3). In other words, a humble person sees every human being as a child of God and is worthy of his service.

Humility therefore is not only being empty. It is a decision to drain ourselves of what we have received from God by pouring ourselves in selfless service to others. In return, God will always make sure that we are filled up with the new things and blessings that He is excitedly wanting to give us. Then we pour them out again in service and God fills us up again and the cycle continues.

Will I Trust?

Many people are like that: They trust in their money, in their abilities, in their connections, in their intelligence more than in their God. Will I trust God today for the problems that I don't know how to solve?

After all, no matter how much money, or achievements, or successes we gain on earth—we'll be humbled by death—and we'll be empty again.

Pride is useless. Let's choose to be humble. Everyday.