

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide

## **Father's Day Weekend: Humility That Leads**

Teaching by Pastor Jackson

### **WARM-UP QUESTION**

- When you think about the qualities of a strong man, what characteristics usually come to mind? Which qualities do you think our culture celebrates most?
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### **DISCUSS**

#### **1. Humble Men Admit They're Not as Strong as They Think**

Pastor Jackson challenged the common idea of strength and reminded us that Biblical manhood is not built on self-sufficiency. Looking at the life of David, we see that humility, not pride, was the foundation of his leadership.

David eventually became Israel's greatest king, but his story began as an overlooked shepherd boy. Even as king, David acknowledged that some situations were bigger than his own strength.

*Read 2 Samuel 3:38-39.*

"Even though I am the anointed king... these two sons of Zeruah are too strong for me to control."

Pastor Jackson reminded us:

Pride says: *I can handle this on my own.*

Humility says: *I cannot do this without God and other godly people helping me.*

- Why is admitting weakness often harder than pretending to be strong?
- Where are you most tempted to rely on yourself instead of inviting God and trusted people into the process?
- How could humility strengthen your relationships, leadership, or family life?

*Read 1 Corinthians 10:12.*

- What warning does this passage give about self-confidence?
  - What does it practically look like to cultivate God-confidence instead?
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## **2. Humble Men Repent Quickly and Let God Rewrite Their Story**

Pastor Jackson walked through one of the most difficult parts of David's story. After David's failure involving Bathsheba and the cover-up that followed, God confronted him through the prophet Nathan.

David's response was not denial. It was repentance.

Pastor Jackson emphasized two parts of restoration:

1. Repent honestly and allow God to do the work of rebuilding.
2. Get back on your feet and allow God's grace to continue writing your story.

Sometimes rebuilding begins with demolition.

*Read Psalm 51:16-17.*

- Why do you think genuine repentance requires humility?
- Have you ever been tempted to stay stuck in guilt instead of moving forward in grace?
- What is the difference between regret and true repentance?

Pastor Jackson reminded us that failure is not the end of the story.

- What area of your life might God be inviting you to lean back into instead of withdrawing from?

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## **3. Humble Men Know God Is the Giver of All Things**

As David grew in influence and success, he resisted the temptation to believe he had built everything himself.

When David desired to build God a temple and God redirected those plans, David responded with awe instead of entitlement.

*Read 2 Samuel 7:18.*

“Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?”

Pastor Jackson challenged us with this truth:

If you do not regularly thank God for what He has done in your past, you may begin to believe you are the source of the blessings in your present.

*Read James 1:17.*

- Why is gratitude one of the clearest signs of humility?
- How can success or influence slowly pull us toward pride?
- What blessings in your life do you need to intentionally thank God for today?

*Read Psalm 50:12.*

- How does remembering that everything belongs to God reshape the way we live?
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## **RECAP**

Pastor Jackson shared three marks of a humble man:

1. Humble men **ADMIT** they are not as strong as they think.
  2. Humble men **REPENT QUICKLY** and let God **REWRITE** their story.
  3. Humble men **KNOW** that God is the giver of **ALL THINGS**.
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## **CLOSING REFLECTION**

Which statement best reflects where you are right now?

- I need to stop trying to carry everything on my own.
  - I need to repent and trust God to continue writing my story.
  - I need to move from guilt into grace.
  - I need to grow in gratitude and remember where every good gift comes from.
  - I want humility to shape the way I lead my family, relationships, and influence.
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## **PRAYER**

Close by thanking God for redefining strength through humility. Thank Him for the example of David and for the grace found in Jesus. Ask God to help you admit your need, repent quickly, and remember that every good thing comes from Him. Pray for the men in our church, our families, and our community to lead with humility, dependence on God, and courage.