

**Humility**  
**Part 3**

*“1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: 5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.” (Luke 7:1-10)*

The centurion showed wisdom, prudence and humility when he chose to ask help from Jesus to heal his servant who was ready to die. Our Lord Jesus marveled to the great faith of that man; his great faith came from his humility and humble attitude as we can outline in the following:-

**1- He sent unto him the elders of the Jews:** He considered himself unworthy, *“7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee”* Even he is in high position as a centurion, but he did not take that high position in consideration to justify himself a privilege.

**2- Beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant:** The message he sent to Jesus was a beseeching message. Someone else would send a command or order, but this humble man sends a petition asking Jesus to help him.

**3- And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:** This person the people talked about him as a worthy person, but he said about himself as unworthy. Humble people will not speak about themselves or recommend themselves. *“Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.” (Proverbs 27:2 KJV)*

**4- For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue:** The Jewish leaders when they came to Jesus, they mentioned to Him the good things that this man did to them, while this man when he sent them, he told them not to mention to Jesus what the good things that He did to them. That man built the synagogue. Do we love our church? Do we work out with God to build it up? Do we love our ministry and we are keen and faithful to what God entrusted to us? When we do good thing to the Lord and to His church we should not go and boast of what we did. God who see everything shall reward us.

The grace of God will flow to the humble. The Jewish rulers even they thought that when they will mention the good things that this man did, that would push Jesus to help him. But that is not correct conclusion because the grace of God will flow to those who are humble. Even to

those who do the good works, the grace of God will not flow to them if they are proud, boastful and not humble.

**5- Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself:** Those who are humble they will not be happy to trouble others. The humble people are not demanding people. They think of others and their interests before they think about themselves. Are you a demanding person? Have you thought that your pride can cause other much? Pride attitude in life cause others to be put in troubles. Spending much, pursuing your own will, doing and pushing forward your own wishes and plans are disturbance to others. *“<sup>13</sup> Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: <sup>14</sup> Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. <sup>15</sup> For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. <sup>16</sup> But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.” (James 4:13-16 KJV)*

That man was not selfish or demanding but he received good answer from the Lord and his needs was met. Selfish people who love only themselves, they will not receive their needs from God. Therefore such kind of life with pride, prove that selfish people they neither love other nor love themselves.

When you disobey the Word of God and the biblical instructions that you received you are disturbing not only your own life, but you are disturbing the life of others around you, you are disturbing your own family and also you are disturbing the life of the church. Every sin or short coming you do will bring a burden and demand on the Lord, upon others, and demanding upon God's Church. Let us not be selfish, but let us think in a Godly way about our interests and the interest of others: *“<sup>1</sup> If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, <sup>2</sup> Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. <sup>4</sup> Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:1-4 KJV)*

**6- For I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee:** Humble people they considered themselves nothing before God. Let us follow the example of Jesus, *“<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: <sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11 KJV)* When we humble ourselves before God is such a way as this centurion did, God will lift us up and will reward us bountifully and solve our problems adequately.

**7- But say in a word, and my servant shall be healed:** He humbled himself under the word of God realizing that the word of God has more power than all what he has from power, authority or material possessions. Humble people they rely and depend on God's Word and not on what they have in their hands. Do you rely on the Word of God and His promises to you, or you are relying on your own power and on the people promises to do go on in life.

**8- For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it:** That man was very careful that when Jesus would come to him or when Jesus will do him something, it will not appear that he was forcing or demanding the Lord to do that. That man was so sensitive to everything around him. His desire was that things will go in a way that God would be glorified. That man he did not want anyone to conclude that he had the upper hand over Christ or over His Word or over His people, the church. Humble people even when they have the power to act, they will be very careful not to use any of what they have to gain their needs. Humble people will not manipulate others or twist their arms to gain their own wished and fulfill their own plans. We must twice, thrice and even more before we take any decision and let us apply what Paul said, <sup>21</sup> **Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**” (2 Corinthians 8:21 KJV) <sup>21</sup> **For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.**” (2 Corinthians 8:21 NIV)

**9- And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick:** Healing would take place earlier than what was planned for. Healing at first was expected when Jesus would reach the home of this man. But as the man exercised his humility before Christ, His Word and His church, the grace of God flow in a speedy way and the servant was healed. Why problems are delayed and not solved? Because of pride and lack of humility, therefore the grace of God is delayed in reaching to solve our problems.

**My dear and beloved:** This is what the word of God says, **“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”** (James 4:6) Humble people ultimately they will express the great faith that will be marveled by the Lord, they will be good examples to others to follow Christ, and ultimately they will enjoy better the grace of God that will flow to them in a more easy and smooth way. They will enjoy a better life. Apply what you learn from the message to receive and enjoy His grace in full. Do you want to be healed? Do you want the grace of God to flow in your life and in the life of your family? Do you want God to solve your problem? Even here now before Him as you stand God can do it. The Lord shall send His Word and relief you if He found you humble. Repent of your pride, repent of your own will and plans. Let the Holy Spirit examine your heart as you repent and renouncing all your sins, wrong thoughts and evil practices, as you agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I repent of all my pride, boasting and my other wrong attitude and practices \_\_\_\_\_ . I commit myself to the word of the message that I received. Lord I cry to you send your word and heal \_\_\_\_\_ . Send your Word and solve this problem \_\_\_\_\_ . Watch over me and keep me in this way of life to express the great faith and humility that will please you and that will be of good example to others. Lord I rely on your grace to do that, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*