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DAY 19

GOD PROMISES TO HONOUR YOU WHEN YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF

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KEY SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 5: 6

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honour.”

Have you ever gone through a challenging time or phase in your life and wondered when it was going to end? Have you asked, “Where is the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel?” Today’s promise is that if we humble ourselves before God and He will bless us. It is interesting because our passage today comes during a time great persecution, suffering and separation for the Church. Peter himself had suffered because he would not deny Jesus. Christians were scared at what to do. Peter wrote to Christians to remind them of their Salvation and hope in Jesus. He wrote a letter to tell them of their salvation and hope, how to live holy lives. He talks about family, and gives advice to elders in this time of struggle. Here is the promise that God gave to them and to us. “So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honour.” (1 Peter 5:6)

Ok, I get it be humble before God. Yep, I know that! So how does that help me with people who mistreat me? God, I believe is warning

us not to let pride in our hearts even in hard situations. God is always concerned for our well-being. God however knows that our words and actions come from our hearts. A good example is when we feel ‘entitled’ in our situation. We cast judgement on God for what we aren’t getting, that in our minds we deserve. Then we cast judgment on those who hurt us by wanting what we feel they do deserve. Peter is reminding us that our mighty God who is all powerful is the judge, in control, and we need to let him work in our situation and in our hearts.

God cares about our hearts. In my experience that is always the starting point for Him, in our relationship with Him, in any life situation. If we humble ourselves and allow God to take control in our lives, He will honour you.

So, what does that mean to be honoured by God. In God’s timing you may be blessed and put in a better situation or God may open a door that leads to healing or restoration. He may take you in a totally different direction. You may even gain influence in whatever area you are living life in. It is not clear how, but our God will honour us for our submission to him even in the hardest of times.

REFLECTIONS

- ▶ Read 1 Peter 5:6 and reflect on what God is saying to you?
- ▶ Is there anything that God wants you to humble yourself about so that He can bless you?
- ▶ If there is, confess it, and ask God what your next step is.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are an awesome and amazing God. You see me God and you know what is happening in my life. You know how much I am struggling. Help me to let go of those who I am struggling with. Help me not to play judge because You are the judge. Help me to work on loving those who hurt me, in a way that honours you, Lord. I seek your guidance and help. I seek your blessing, Lord. Through Jesus. Amen.