Welcome Family & Friends

2 Peter 1:3 – 7 (ESV)

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

The Christian Virtue of Humility

1 Peter 5:6 – 7 (ESV) (6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.) Do we serve a humble God?

The answer is of course a resounding "Yes"

ISAIAH 53:3-5

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Hebrews 5:7 – 10 (ESV)

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

How do we become a humble disciple?

Philippians 2:5 – 8 (ESV)

5 <u>Have this mind among yourselves</u>, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but <u>emptied</u> <u>himself</u>, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, <u>he</u> <u>humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,</u> <u>even death on a cross</u>.

James 2:18 (ESV)

18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. How do we show how the Gospel of Jesus Christ has humbled us in our lives?

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 - Mark 7:6 9
 - Proverbs 16:18
 - Proverbs 11:2
 - Philippians 2:9 11
 - 1 Peter 5:6 7

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 - Matthew 5:38 42
 - Matthew 5:43 45
 - James 2:15 17
 - James 5:19 20
 - Are you willing to become uncomfortable in order to care for the spiritual needs of others?

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 - Luke 12:16 21
 - Matthew 6:31 33
 - 1 Peter 5:5

Humble yourselves,

therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

Do you need to humble yourself before God so that He may lift you?