



Week 2 - The Kids Table

"When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: 'When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table! Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Luke 14:7-11)

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(Philippians 2:3-4)

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."
(Matthew 5:5, NIV)

Meekness: restrained STRENGTH

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Is there a "space" God is calling you into that will require you to take a posture of humility?

HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

Do you have any 'kids table' memories? What shenanigans happened at your kids table?

Read the story in Luke 14:7-11

*What stands out to you? What challenges you?

*Can you think of a time when this happened to you?

Pastor Josh mentioned that humility is not thinking less about yourself, but it is thinking about yourself less.

*Does this change the way you view humility at all? How so?

Read Philippians 2:3-11

*What do we learn about humility in the passage?

*What do we learn about Jesus?

Pastor Josh mentioned that it's been helpful to him to see meekness as 'restrained' strength.

*What are the ways we can yield for someone else to move forward?

What is your own version of a 'kids' table? Where is God calling you to demonstrate humility and meekness?

Dear Wonderful Heritage family, There are simply not words to describe the gratitude in our hearts for the outpouring of love and incredibly generous gifts that were given to us as a family as a love offering. Thank you for the privilege of serving you during the time of transition. Of this, I am convinced, the very best days of Heritage are in its future, not in its past! I'm asking and believing God for revival to break out in our lives and in the life of Heritage as a whole that will spill out to the Quad Cities resulting in many lives being changed/healed/restored. Our God is "mighty to save!" (Zephaniah 3:17). Thank you again for your Incredible love and generosity. We sure love you!

Chris, Mary & the Conrad ladies

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