



## Week 2

Monday, August 29, 2022

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*"Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility for 'God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."*

1 Peter 5:5-6

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Almighty God,

We acknowledge that we are members of a greater Kingdom community with all the saints. So, we submit ourselves to You and to one another. We humble our hearts before Your mighty hand and ask that You would fill our hearts with Your spirit of compassion, tenderness and grace. Help us to look to others as more important than ourselves, and to have the same mind as Christ who took on the form of a servant for humanity's sake. Lord Jesus, You tell us that apart from You we can do nothing. Therefore, we submit ourselves to Your authority asking that You would lead us and guide us as a people of faith. Remove pride from our hearts and help us to value one another in meekness and grace so that our lives may reflect Christ as we journey forward. We ask this in the name of the One who humbled Himself and died on the cross for our sin. Amen.

**Question to ponder this week: *How have I experienced God's grace and mercy in the past? Where do I need that reminder today?***

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

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*“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”*

Proverbs 12:18

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Holy God,

The majesty of Your glory and the beauty of Your holiness overwhelms us and leaves us undone. We are not worthy to stand in Your holy presence as the sinful, broken individuals we are. Yet, because of Your great love for us you sent your only Son, Jesus the Christ to die for our sins and transferred us into the light of Your redeeming love. Holy Father, forgive us for all the ways we sin against You through gossip, criticism, fear of what's next and unwholesome words. Place your holy binding on our lips and remove the guilt of our sin. Lord Jesus, set a guard over our lips that we might not sin against You by speaking against our neighbor. Transform our speech that we might speak words of life, blessing and well-being, honoring you with our words. Holy Spirit, enable us to use our words to encourage one another and build one another up that we might reflect the kindness of Your heart and the beauty of Your holy love to those around us. In Your holy name, Amen.

**Question to ponder this week: *How have I experienced God's grace and mercy in the past? Where do I need that reminder today?***

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

Psalm 51:10

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Forgiving Father,

Your heart is always to forgive as we repent of our sins and return to You with a repentant and contrite heart. Thank You for the cleansing blood of Jesus that faithfully restores us to a right relationship with You. Create in us a clean and pure heart, O God. Renew our thoughts to be pure, our spirit to be joyful and our actions to be selfless. Holy Spirit, restore to us the joy of our salvation and give us a steadfast spirit to always abound in Christ's loving actions in the world. We consecrate ourselves to You, knowing we are Your beloved disciples. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Thursday, September 1, 2022

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*“And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’”*

Isaiah 6:8

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All Knowing God,

You know our innermost being, give us hearts that fully surrender to You and You alone. Holy Spirit, empower us to go into the world to spread the good news of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus, anoint us and use us to be agents of Your healing love and comforting grace to a world that is hurting and in pain.

Heavenly Father, send us to the least, the lost, the poor, the marginalized and the forgotten to partner with You and spread Your love upon those who need to know they are seen and remembered by You. Like Isaiah, we say, “Here we are! Send us!” In the darkness of this world, help us to be Your light, the light of Christ for His glory alone. Amen.

**Question to ponder this week: *How have I experienced God’s grace and mercy in the past? Where do I need that reminder today?***

Friday, September 2, 2022

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*"Praise be to You, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You: You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to God. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name."*

I Chronicles 29:10b-13

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Almighty Father,

You are the one true, holy and living God. We praise You as the Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer, true Judge and only wise Ruler. Thank you for holding us in the palm of Your hand as our sovereign giver of life. Because of Your unfailing love, mercy, wisdom and grace, we bow in humble adoration and respond to Your grace by surrendering our hearts and lives to You. Lead us by Your strong and mighty hand. Holy Spirit, awaken us to the wonders of Your abundant love, beauty and grace around us that we might glorify You in all we do. We ask this in your holy name, Amen.

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Saturday, September 3, 2022

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*“He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities, all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things exist. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything He may have the supremacy.”*

Colossians 1:15-18

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Lord Jesus,

You are the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten of the Father – truly God and truly man. You lived to show us the Father’s heart by loving the lost, healing the sick, comforting the lonely, driving out demons, and ultimately suffering and dying for our sins so that we might experience newness of life in You. Lord, you are our Savior, interceding for us in heaven at the right hand of God. Jesus, You are the head of the church – Your body and beloved bride. We ask that You guide us in the paths that lead to life eternal. Holy Spirit, renew a right spirit of praise in us daily that we might reflect the light of Christ in us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

We worship and pray together