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Key References:

2 Chronicles 7:13–14 (ESV)

¹³When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

“Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.” – **St. Augustine**

“We have power, authority and anointing. But, the barrier to that is pride. But when we humble and we begin to love and care for each other, creating safe spaces for people to be vulnerable. Creating places where the Holy Spirit and the presence of God can do work.” – **Mike Graves**

Ezekiel 36:22–27 (ESV)

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

1 – HUMBLE FIRST

Over the next few weeks we will be based in 2 Chronicles 7:14 which lists four things that God's people need to do. **Why do you think humility is listed first? What do you think about the quote from St. Augustine?**

What is the significance about the order of the next three keys? Is it surprising that “turn from their wicked ways” comes last? Why do you think it is last? What cycles do we get caught in when we put it further up the list?

Have you ever had a moment or experience with God that transformed your life? How was it humbling? How did your attitude and relationship with God change?

Does humility equal absolute dependence on God? If so, what does a life lived in that truth look like to you?

2 – MOSES, MEEKNESS & MEETING GOD

Numbers 12:3 recounts Moses as most humble person on earth. **How do you think Moses’ various encounters with God produced this humility? Do you think Moses’ was humbled though these encounters or did he have to be humble first before God would use him?**

Moses setup a tent to regularly meet with God (Ex 33:7). **How do you commune with God? Do you feel like to need to make more space in your life? How does spending time with God produce humility for you?**

3 – GETTING OUT OF THE BOX

Mike said that enemy tries to contain Christians in a box so that they are not effective. **What strategies does the enemy employ to do this? What strategies does the bible give us to resist the devil?**

How can unconfessed sin in someone’s life hold them back? How does pride work to keep sin hidden? How is the church to be a safe place for confession? Do you feel you can be vulnerable here?

Read Ezekiel 36:22-27. **How can you see humility and healing woven together in this passage? Can we ask God to soften our hearts?**