

“The Patient Work of Humiliation” (Part 1)
Luke 22:23-30

The goal of God through humiliation is twofold. First, God desires to teach us that life, physically and spiritually, depends completely and totally on what God provides. Second, God desires for this reality to be embraced joyfully. Through the patient work of humiliation we can attain a zeal, a way of thinking, and a Christlikeness that can be attained no other way, which for the Christian makes humiliation highly desirable. Humiliation is not about personal shame or disgrace, but about killing every desire to trust in our own wisdom, power, or sufficiency.

- **Luke 9:46-48:** The first argument over who is the greatest.
 - “And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.” (Luke 9:1-2)
 - **Power Given by God**
 - “And I begged Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” (Luke 9:40)
 - **Powerless without God**
 - “John answered, ‘Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.’” (Luke 9:49)
 - **Someone else has power**
 - “For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.” (Luke 9:48b)
 - **The goal of humiliation**

- **John 13:12-20:** Jesus washes His disciples feet.
 - “Peter said to Him, ‘You shall never wash my feet.’” (John 13:8a)
 - **Christ as a humble servant.**
 - “Jesus answered him, ‘If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me.’” (John 13:8b)
 - **Our inability to cleanse ourselves. (Justification)**
 - “Simon Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’” (John 13:9; cf. 13:10-11)
 - **Our inability to grow in holiness. (Sanctification)**
 - “For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you...blessed are you if you do them.” (John 13:15-16)
 - **Our call to servanthood. (Humiliation)**

- **Luke 22:23-30:** The second argument over who is the greatest.
 - If not for the grace of God, we would all betray Christ (22:22-24).
 - We live and lead by God’s power, not ours. We lead through prayer, through the Word, by godly example, and by servanthood. We live and lead through humility (22:25-27).
 - Humility gives us perseverance and an eternal mindset. We don’t fight for earthly wealth/treasure/glory, we fight for eternal wealth/treasure/glory. (22:28-29)

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — *Sovereign Grace Music*

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — *Matt Boswell*

Before the Throne of God Above — *Sovereign Grace Music*

Closing Song: ‘Tis So Sweet — *Norton Hall Band*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum **STARTS SEPTEMBER 14TH**

Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** *TODAY is the LAST day* to give your monetary donations to the Bobbs, who live and serve in Cambodia.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We are having our annual “End of Summer Party” TONIGHT at Andy’s house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming, weather permitting, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for this party!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, September 6th.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, September 6th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

★*For all other announcements, please see the September Newsletter!*