## HUMBLE #3

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"In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 8:16-20 NASB

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"I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit." Leviticus 26:19-20

A HUMBLE SPIRIT BEFORE GOD ELIMINATES:

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### THE PROCESS AND PRODUCT OF PRIDE: NEBUCHADNEZZAR

"All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king. Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?' While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.' Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. Daniel 4:28-33 NASB

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#### THE WAY BACK TO HUMILITY AND BLESSING

"But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?' At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

Daniel 4:34-37 NASB

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"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Matthew 23:12 NASB

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHEN HAVE YOU EXPEREINCED THE PROCESS OF PRIDE AND A "HUMBLING"?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIDE AND HEALTHY SELF CONFIDENCE?

HOW ARE WE LIKE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR?

WHAT DISCIPLINES OR HABITS KEEP YOU FROM LISTENING TO THE LIES OF PRIDE?

HOW DOES PERSONAL WORSHIP ACCELERATE HUMILITY IN OUR LIVES?

WHY IS TRANSPARENCY THE KEY TO UNLOCKING MORE HUMILITY?

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TEST YOUR HEART
TEACH YOU HUMILITY
THWART YOUR PROGRESS
TAKE AWAY YOUR MANTLE

# OPPOSITION AND SELF DESTRUCTION

FAIL TO HEED GOD'S WARNINGS BELIEVE THE LIE OF PRIDE EXPERIENCE GOD'S JUDGEMENT RECEIVE PRIDE'S PROMISE

LOOK UP TO HEAVEN
REASSUME OUR PLACE
ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY
ADOPT A NEW ATTITUDE
CONFESS OUR FOLLY