

Dear Friend,

We are all familiar with the need to humble ourselves before God.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

I love this verse also from the Old Testament book of Micah:

Mic 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

A few years ago, the Lord gave me a specific word through another minister that I trust. The Lord said to me personally, *“Humble yourself. Humble yourself. Humble yourself. And when you don’t think you can humble yourself any more ... humble yourself some more.”*

One of the hard lessons I had to learn in these past few years is that partial obedience is still disobedience. Like most people, I have obeyed God many times regarding both His Word and personal instruction. But, like most people, there have been many times I have only partially obeyed the instruction I received from the Lord. When that happened I would always say, “Partial obedience is better than no obedience.”

But I have learned now that partial obedience is what cost Saul his anointing as king of Israel. (You can read the whole story in 1 Samuel chapter 15.) He partially obeyed what God had said. He could have made the same flippant statement I did, “My partial obedience is better than no obedience.” But look at how the Lord saw this partial obedience:

1Sa 15:11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

It was no light, flippant thing to God. God said of Saul’s partial obedience ... He is turned back from following me.” Saul (and Gary) might have said, “What? Wait! No! I partially obeyed you, Lord.” But God saw partial obedience as an attitude that rejected Him as being Lord. There is no substitute for obeying the Lord. Thank God that He is love and that His mercies are new every morning.

It is good to ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you have only partially obeyed the Lord in the past. Be warned ... if you ask Him ... He will show you. Then you will have to repent. I have had to do so many times.

Recently, however, the Lord has been showing me an even deeper level of “humbling ourselves.” In the simplest terms it is ... believing God’s Word. I am speaking of the humility required to believe God’s Word when all of your circumstances say the opposite.

Where would we all be today if Adam had simply humbled Himself and believed God’s Word? God said if they ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, they would die. Satan said they would not die. Adam was standing there with Eve when she ate the forbidden fruit. Adam watched. Would she fall over dead? Would she? Adam continued to watch, and all of his five physical senses told him Eve did not die when she ate of the forbidden fruit. (There was no way for Adam to see that she died spiritually when she ate.) Adam had a decision to make. Who was telling the truth? God or Satan? Adam chose to believe what his five physical senses told him, and he willingly disobeyed God.

It is easy to blame Adam. How dare you not humble yourself and believe God’s Word? Look at all the problems the world is in because of your pride that chose to live by sight instead of humbling yourself to believe God’s Word.

Yes, it is easy to blame Adam but ... what does God’s Word say about me being healed when my body aches with sickness? What do I choose to believe? Do I believe the symptoms? Or do I believe God’s Word?

Yes, it is easy to blame Adam but what does God’s Word say about believers laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover ... when I am too cowardly to pray and lay hands on them?

Yes, it is easy to blame Adam but ... what does God’s Word say about me being made free from sin when my flesh is so tempted to do something sinful?

We are all enduring a season of purging while we enter into revival. God is requiring us to humble ourselves more than we ever have before. Of course, we must humble ourselves to obey whatever He tells us. But to walk in true revival, we must walk as believers in the Word of God.

Jesus is the ultimate “revivalist.” He is called the Word. I like to say, “He is the Word of God with legs. If you want to see the Word of God in action, look at Jesus.” I believe the same will be said of us in this revival. “Father, thy Word is truth. We humble ourselves. We believe your Word. We live by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Let us all humble ourselves more than we ever have before. Let us humble ourselves in obedience. Let us humble ourselves in believing God’s Word.

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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