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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building/being nets of safety for the world/one another! Mt 4.19 Rom 12.4,5**
- **Holding the gospel “*as it was once delivered to the saints!*” Jude 1.3**
- **Running on the fuel of love that will keep us running after Him for a lifetime! John 14.15-17**

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- Doing what is right *just because it is right...* immediately or in time!
- Freed from condemnation and rejection we follow, and fall, *on an incline!*
- Not freed to go back to our old lifestyle, but called to “go and sin no more...”
 - Behavior modification!
 - Nothing too much to give away to follow the One who gave His life for ours!

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- Never know true discipleship without humility!
- Humility is one of *Jesus attributes* that is resisted by modern society!
- Humility: unpretentiousness, meekness, submissiveness, condescension, setting aside self-interest, self-deprecation...
 - It's counter-culture to the selfie world!

Jesus...



- Unpretentious: “You call me Lord... If I have washed your feet, you should wash one another’s feet!” **John 13.13ff Matt 20.28**
- Meek: “Lowly and meek and riding on the foal of a donkey.” **Matt 21.5 11.29 2Cor10.1**
- Submissive: “I seek not My own will but the will of the Father!” **John 4.34 5.30**
- Condescending: “He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was made in the image of men!” **Phil 2.7**

Jesus...



- **Set aside self-interest:** If Jesus was tempted and tested in every way as we have been, He would have wrestled with the ability to make Himself great and to fulfill all His own desires!
- **Self-depreciating:** life wasn't about Him, it was about us, without making Him any less important or significant for it!

So, What About us?



- “Be clothed with humility!” **1Peter 5.5**
- “Submit yourselves to God. Humble yourselves in the sight of God and He will lift you up!” **James 4.10**
- “Whoever humbles himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” **Matthew 18.4**

So, What About us?



- “The fruit of the Spirit (in disciples) is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, *meekness*, temperance, against such there is no law!” Galatians 5.22,23
- “As one bound for the Lord (disciple), I beg you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all *humility and meekness...*” Ephesians 4.1,2

So, What About us?



- “As the elect of God, holy and beloved (**disciples**), put on compassion, kindness, *humility, meekness* and **patience!**” **Colossians 3.12**
- “But you, O man of God (**disciple**), flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, *patience, meekness.*” **1Timothy 6.11**

Two Words...



- **Humility:** to be humble, lowliness of mind, humble self-opinion, modesty...
- **Meekness:** humility, mildness, gentleness...
- **Neither words mean:** door mat, low self-esteem, self-depreciated, diminished, degraded, mousy...
 - In fact they mean just the opposite!
 - Maybe more like this...





**Biblical humility is what
a billionaire is, in the
presence of a
millionaire...**



**A thousand times stronger,
confident, unassuming...
from a position of
true richness!**

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- **Never know true discipleship without that level of humility/meekness!**
 - The quality, strength and richness of knowing who you are, what you are... it keeps you from being *pretentious*...
 - It allows you to be *meek* when others are aggressive/assertive/boasting!
 - It's the strength of trust that allows us to be *submissive*; to worship and kneel before the Lord, our God and Maker...

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 - The self-assurance to “*mind not high things for ourselves but to condescend to serve men of low estate...*”
 - It turns us aside from *small self-interests* for *vested-interest* in the things of God and others!
 - It allows us to *appreciate* who He is and who that truly makes us!

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 - John's declaration... “He must increase, but I must decrease. The One who comes from above is above all: the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth: the One who comes from heaven is above all...” **John 3.30,31**
 - This is not diminished self-esteem... but elevated self-realization!

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- Never know true discipleship without that level of humility/meekness!
 - We see God and see ourselves *with His treasure in earthen vessels!*
 - Listen to Jesus declaration: “Among those born of women (earthly) there has not risen a greater (prophet/proclaimer) than John the Baptist, however, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than him!” **Matthew 11.11**

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- **Never know true discipleship without that level of humility/meekness!**
 - John's declaration is the expression of a soul who has lost his pride in the discovery of the mercy of his Savior!
 - Our own grasp of humility and meekness allows us to make "*others*" more important than "*me*" without making "*me*" any less important!

Granddaddy Verse...



- “So, when you have done everything commanded of you, you should say, “We are unworthy (unprofitable, meritless) servants; we have only done our duty (as disciples).” Lk 17.10 –Lexicon
 - The shovels... 1Cor4.3,4
 - “Seek first the kingdom of Heaven...” be about your Father’s business... And He will be about yours... Matt 6.33
 - Don’t you worry about a thing! Matt 10.10

Granddaddy Promise...



- “When the time has come that you should be teachers (**disciples**) – you once again need to be taught the basic principles... Let us move from the beginning principles to the things that accompany salvation (**J&S**)... for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you show toward His name in that you minister to the saints!” **Hebrews 5.12-6.10**



“The Strength of Disciples!”