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JESUS AND THE SICK

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TO FEAST WITH JESUS YOU NEED HUMILITY

¹One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:1-11

- There is shame that comes with self-exaltation

⁶For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
⁷but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

Psalms 75:6-7

- Arrogance and pride is a dangerous spiritual heart problem

¹⁸Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

²³One's pride will bring him low,
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Proverbs 29:23

- Arrogance and pride will make you blind to sin and self

³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Daniel 4:37

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

TO FEAST WITH JESUS YOU NEED TO BE HOSPITABLE

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14:12-14

- Only giving to and serving your personal preference of people doesn't reflect Jesus nor God's kingdom
- Don't give to receive earthly glory. Check the heart!

TO FEAST WITH JESUS YOU NEED TO WANT JESUS

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²²And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Luke 14:15-24

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are there any self-righteousness or pride issues in your heart?
- Do you want Jesus? Why?
- When God says the feast is ready, will you be ready or make excuses?

Father, we thank you for your word and wisdom.

We thank you for Jesus who was the perfect example of humility and what it looks like to be exalted by you after humbling ourselves before you.

Thank you for reminding us that heaven will not look like our personal preference of people and status; rather, your kingdom will be filled with all who desire you with their whole hearts.

We ask that you remove all pride and arrogance from our thoughts and actions so we won't be blind to ourselves or our sin.

We also intercede for those who are blind to sin; may their eyes be opened and may they see you waiting with open arms.

May we live a life of humility and hospitality.

In Jesus' name. Amen.