

Humility, Chapter 4: Greatness Demonstrated

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1. C.J. says that, “understanding this chapter’s content is essential to grasping the truth of this entire book.” (pg. 47) In one or two sentences, concisely write out the main point of this chapter and its contents.

2. How must we learn humility? What is the only way that we can truly learn true humility according to C.J.? (pg. 47)

3. C.J. writes that true humility in service to others always has two things. What are those two things? (pg. 48)

4. Read Mark 10:32-45
 - a. C.J. writes that Christ is making this journey without the disciples’ “full understanding and support.” (pg. 49) Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

 - b. What reason does C.J. give for the disciples’ lack of understanding and support? (pg. 49)

 - c. Put yourself in the place of the disciples. What would have kept you from fully understanding the plan of the Savior? What keeps you from fully understanding the troubles, struggles, trials, and pain that those around you feel?

5. Mark 10:32 describes Jesus as, “walking on ahead of them,” resolved to do the work that the Father had given to Him. There was nothing that was going to keep Him from the cross. But, this is not for lack of attempts...
 - a. Think through the life of Jesus. How many times was He tempted to *not* go to the cross? Name three accounts of Jesus being tempted to *not* go to the cross.

 - b. What was the response of Jesus to each temptation you found in answer to the above question? Be specific in your answer and look for specific, strategic ways Jesus fought against each temptation.

- c. C.J. states that, “there’s no hesitation, no reluctance in His steps.” Jesus was unwavering as He resolutely went to serve by giving His life as a ransom for many. What causes “hesitation” in your own heart when you are given the chance to serve? Why do you hesitate? From where does the hesitation stem?
 - d. Who is in your life right now who you have hesitated to serve? In what specific ways can you follow Christ’s example of humility and service by serving and caring for them?
6. Recite last week’s memory verse. There are two definitions given in C.J.’s book for *ransom*, one from Donald English and the other from C.J. List each below.
 - a.
 - b.
7. Recite last week’s verse again, replacing the word *ransom* with one of the two definitions from above.
 - a. What does the meaning of *ransom* tell you about your condition before God?
 - b. What was C.J.’s definition of humility? Hint: It is seeing yourself in light of two things. How can memorizing Mark 10:45 and truly understanding the meaning of *ransom* enable you to better see yourself in light of those two things?
8. C.J. states that if you look carefully, “you’ll find your own face among the various portraits Mark provides.” (pg. 52) Think through the many characters of the Bible that you know. Who would you say you are most like? Most resemble? Most parallel? And why?
 - a. Based on your answer to number 8 above, what are the ways pride crept into the character you are most like? What are the ways that you must guard yourself against pride and be on the alert for holes in your armor and defense system? (Example: C.J. speaks of the rich young ruler, James and John, and the other disciples, and their struggle with pride in various, nuanced ways. Do the same with your character.)

