

The background of the entire image is a close-up of two hands held open, palms facing upwards. The hands are positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The skin is a warm, light brown color, and the lines on the palms and fingers are clearly visible. The lighting is soft, creating a gentle glow on the skin. The overall tone is warm and inviting.

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14 NLT

The Christian Virtue of Humility

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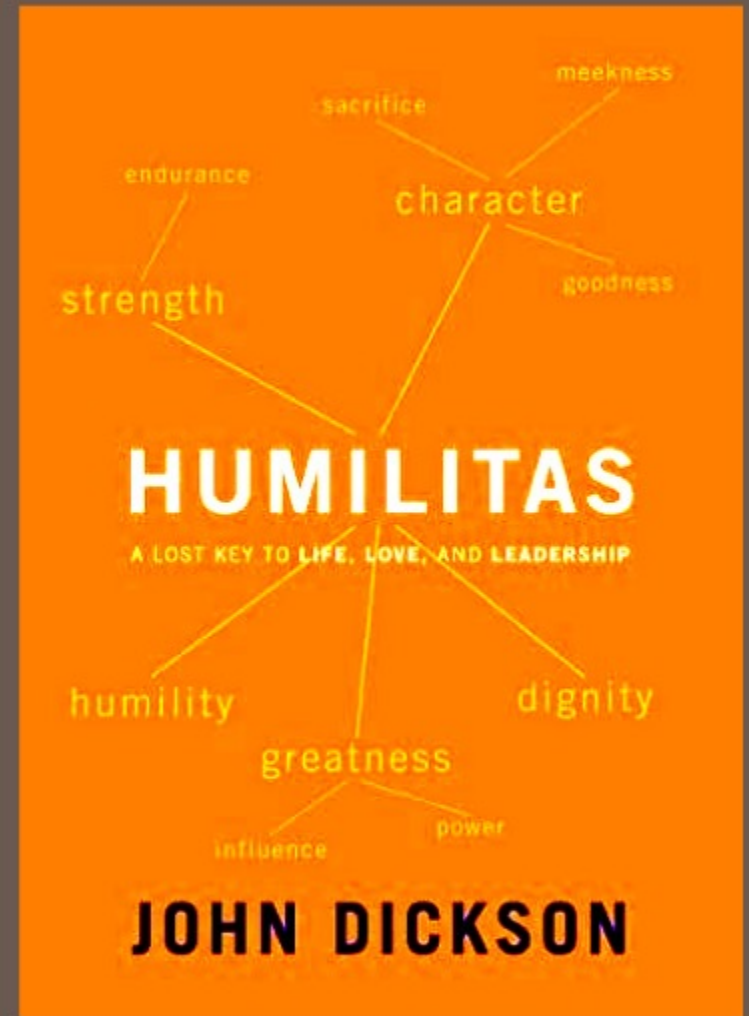


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What is humility?

"Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself; it is a willingness to hold power in service to others."

John Dickson, *Humilitas* (pg.24)



“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking more of others.”

RICK
WARREN

#1 NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLING AUTHOR



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The Ditch of Pride



The Way
of Humility

The Ditch of Shame

A close-up photograph of two hands, palms facing upwards, held open against a textured, brownish-grey background. The hands are positioned on the right side of the frame, with the fingers slightly spread. The skin appears aged and wrinkled. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 NLT

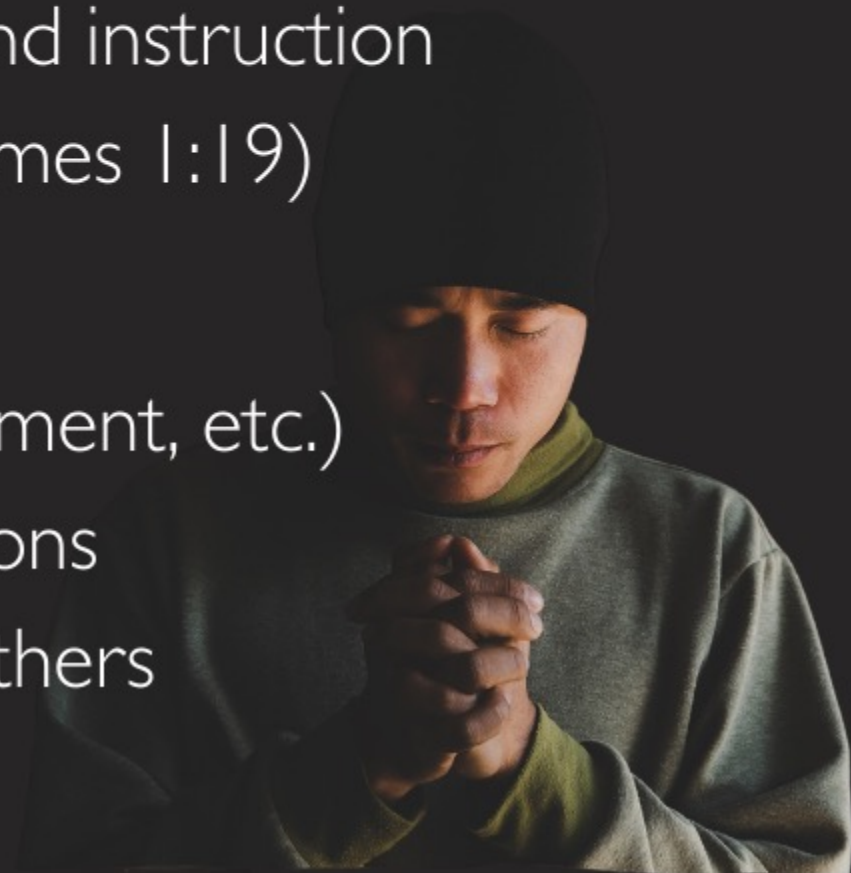
A Glimpse of Humility in Action

What does it look like?

- Putting others before yourself in thought, word, and deed
- Being teachable and open to correction and instruction
- Being quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19)

What does it *not* look like?

- Being consumed with self (feelings, entitlement, etc.)
- Being prideful, rude, and making assumptions
- Holding grudges and refusing to forgive others





"Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans and myself from the community of sinners."

Miroslav Volf, *A Spacious Heart: Essays on Identity and Belonging*

Paul, Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, **humility**, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ **And over all these virtues put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

v.13 NLT – “Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

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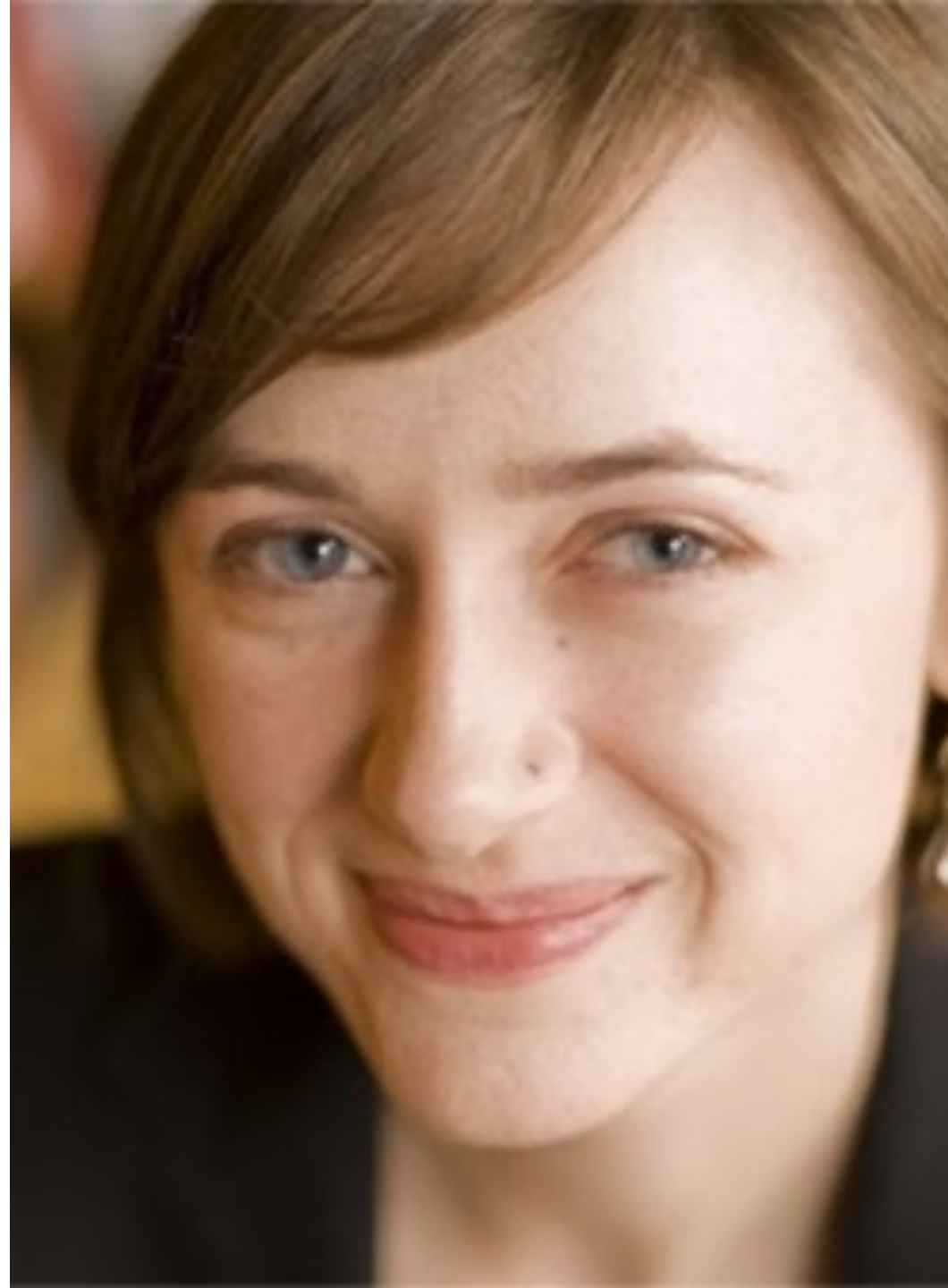
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- our need for others, especially those within the Body of Christ



“It’s amazing to me that the etymology of the word “humility” is “humus” — not the dip you buy from Trader Joe’s, but literally “on the ground” or “earth.” To be humble is to remember that you are made of earth, that God created us from the ground and that we are all headed back there someday soon... To be humble is to be rooted or grounded — to be deeply embedded within flesh and blood communities of people who know us well, including our limitations and blind spots, and who deeply love us just the same. There’s something about this in-person, on-the-ground connection that keeps us keenly aware that we are but human, but also that to be human, bearing the image of the creator of the universe, is a glorious thing.” — **Katelyn Beaty**



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3. How is the Spirit inviting you to grow in humility toward everyone you meet?



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