The God of Humble Beginnings

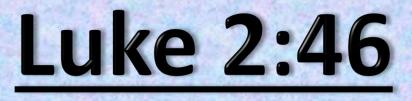
Dan Kraft April 8, 2018 PM Service Luke 2:46-52, 1 Peter 5:5-6, James 1:4, Proverbs 16:18, Luke 4:10, James 1:17, Psalms 18:30, Zecheriah 4:6-10, Isaiah 40:30-31

God put all the people on this Earth through 2 people

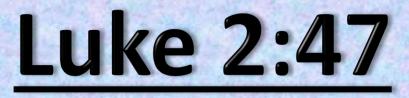
You are never too small to do the big things and never too big to do the small things.

God delights in humility

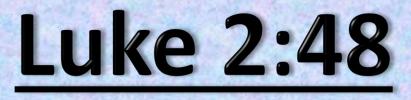
For young people it means father and mother I honor your authority



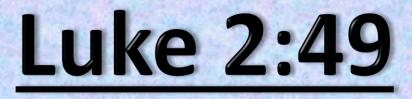
And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.



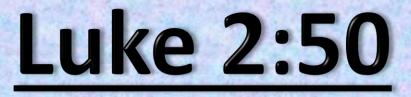
And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.



And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.



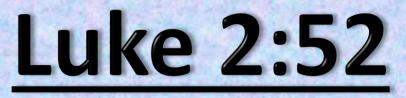
And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?



And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.



And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.



And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:6

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



But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

There is a difference between humility and humiliation

When you take a fall that is humiliation

Humility will keep you from humiliation

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

lf you don't receive the salvation of Jesus you will reap the fire of Elijah

God sees any time that you

are

mistreated.

Some times we are treated very well but we think we were mistreated.

The greatest right we have is the right to go to God when we are mistreated.

He is our

greatest defender

Humility is trusting that God is more right than you are



For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

People panic who don't

trust God

If you really believe that God exist, it will show in your level of trust and patience

When you trust God and honor **God there is** blessing all around

Pride has no problem touching God's anointed

Pride can come from a wrong understanding of God

Pride tries to

change your

image of God

Humility realizes that God is working for us

<u>James 1:17</u>

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Zecheriah 4:6

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.



Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:



But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

If you are going to brag about something, brag about how awesome God is, that He can come against anything the devil tries to bring against you

God is mighty in us and that is why we are mighty saints of God

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

A prideful heart is a hard heart, a humble heart is a soft heart

Zecheriah 4:7

Who art thou, O great mountain? before **Zerubbabel thou shalt** become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.



Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Zecheriah 4:9

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

Zecheriah 4:10

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Don't despise

the day of

small things.