



Faith - Family - Fellowship

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Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's responsive Prayer of Transformation.

Pastor: Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not claim a seat among the great.

People: It is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be humiliated before others.

Pastor: Jesus watched guests choose places of honor and spoke a parable:

People: "When invited, take the lowest place, so your host may say, 'Friend, move up higher.'"

Pastor: For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,

People: And those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Pastor: Jesus said, "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."

People: And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.

Pastor: True honor is not claimed—it is given. And real hospitality makes room for the overlooked.

People: May we choose humility over recognition, and compassion over prestige.

Pastor: In God's Kingdom, the last shall be first, The humble lifted high, the lowly honored.

People: Let us live and love like citizens of heaven, walking humbly before our God.

Words of Wisdom - Proverbs 25:6-7

Today's reading from the Old Testament come to us from the book of Proverbs, chapter 25, verses 6 and 7.

In ancient courts, seating arrangements reflected status. To presume a high seat was to risk being publicly corrected. Solomon's advice is practical, but also moral: let others recognize your worth rather than forcing it.

Today's scripture highlights the following:

- Self-promotion leads to shame: Seeking honor prematurely can result in public embarrassment.
- True honor is bestowed, not seized: It's better to be invited up than asked to step down.
- Humility is strategic and virtuous: This isn't just etiquette — it's a reflection of character.

Now, allow these words to open up your heart, mind, and soul.

“Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him to say to you, ‘Come up here,’ than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.”

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

Word of God - Luke 14:1-14

Today's Word of God comes from the 14th Chapter of The Gospel of Luke.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.