

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## THE GREATEST IS LOVE

40 Days of Love  
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*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."*

James 4:10 (NIV)

### HOW DOES HUMILITY HANDLE THE PATH TO GREATNESS?

- **AMBITION:** motivated by INSPIRATION, NOT AGGRESSION .

*"When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority..."*

Psalm 8:3-6 (NLT)

*"You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them..."*

James 4:2 (NLT)

- **IMPORTANCE:** found in SERVICE, NOT SELF-IMPORTANCE .

*"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

*"The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach... Everything they do is for show..."*

Matthew 23:2-3, 5 (NLT)

*"The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

Matthew 23:11, 12 (NIV)

- **COMPETITION:** should be for EXCELLENCE, NOT DOMINANCE .

*"...You know that those foreigners who call themselves kings like to order their people around. And their great leaders have full power over the people they rule. But don't act like them. If you want to be great, you must be the servant of all the others."*

Mark 10:42, 43 (CEV)

*"I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven..."*

Philippians 3:12-14 (CEV)

- **POWER:** received through CONNECTION, NOT CONTROL .

*"...The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority... He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation."*

Revelation 13:2, 7 (NIV)

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing... if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"*

John 15:5, 7 (NLT)