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This last Sunday we explored the role that humility played in shaping the life of Moses. There are a number of outstanding verses in the Bible on the subject of humility. Here are 6 of my favorites. *I'd encourage you consider reading one or two of the coming week and meditating on how they might shape your life!*

This week (Wednesday) begins the 40 days leading up to Easter, beginning what is known as "Lent". Many Christians set these days aside to celebrate Lent. Following the verse are two articles regarding Lent and a link to a Lent Daily Devotional from Pastor Tim Keller's church.

Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Matthew 23:10-12 "Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (this is Pastors Rex's life verse!)

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"

Proverbs 18:12 Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.

1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.

Lent Resources.

1. Usually Lent involves laying something aside (examples: television, social media, a particular food or drink, a meal once a week or lunch each day, or a habit, like sarcasm) for a period of 40 days leading up to Easter. It is supposed to give you an added reminder to focus on repentance, and serves as a reminder that many of the things we enjoy or practice are things that we can live without. So in giving something up, we are reminded that life doesn't exist in the things we choose to enjoy and in fact some of them are actually serve as distractions from keeping us focused on following Jesus.
2. Lent can also be the taking up a practice. Like reading the Bible at the start of every day or committing yourself to praying each day for a set amount of time.

Here are a few resources for you:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 40 Lent Day Devotional: <http://bit.ly/16tsYiT>

Relevant Magazine, "Why Lent Still Matters" : <http://bit.ly/1MxOOmz>

Christianity Today Magazine, "Lent – Why Bother" <http://bit.ly/1RotW4H>