

Learn how to “go down”

There is a video with a puppy, Daisy, at the top of the stairs afraid to go down. Despite much encouragement for people cheering at the bottom, Daisy can't figure it out. She wants so badly to join them, but fear keeps her pacing the landing. Then a bigger dog, Simon, comes to help. Simon runs up the steps and back down, showing Daisy how easy it is. But Daisy is not convinced. So Simon tries again, but this time very slowly. However, Daisy is still too scared. Once again Simon goes to the top and demonstrates the technique. Finally, Daisy lets her back legs follow the front ones, while Simon stays behind her. She makes it and everyone celebrates.

What a beautiful picture of discipleship. Sometimes we spend so much time trying to teach others to climb up, we forget the most important and more difficult thing to learn is to go down. Throughout the Bible God comes down to meet us where we are at in life. God demonstrated humility by sending Jesus Christ who spent His life teaching the technique of humility to follow.

No one will learn anything at all unless we first learn humility. May we find the courage to be more like Jesus!

Together through prayer and service,

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