

The Humility of Christ: Philippians 2:1-11

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So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. **Read Philippians 2:3-4** . How do these verses describe humility?
2. Who is Jesus according to **Philippians 2:6**? When you think of God, what words come to mind?
3. **Read Philippians 2:8** . What was Jesus' ultimate example of humility?
4. **Look at verses 9-11**. Did Jesus deserve to go to the cross and suffer like He did? What does He deserve?

How much of our pride is tied into what we think we deserve? How can we maintain humility when we feel undervalued, underappreciated, etc?

Discuss the definitions of pride and humility.

PRIDE -

What are some hidden ways you harbor pride?

HUMILITY - What does it look like to be humble?

Discuss:

When do you most easily give in to pride? When do you best embrace humility?

How does pride hide itself in your life?

What is the motivation behind your work & service? What heart adjustments might you need to make to be sure you are considering others "more significant" than yourself?

How can you find areas of pride in your life and stay accountable to fighting pride/embracing humility? Remember Philippians 2:3.

Read Luke 14:7-11 and write your reflections on Jesus' instructions in humility:

Consider these additional verses about Jesus and humility and note any personal applications based on what we discussed above. You may use some or all, go with what resounds in your spirit right now.

Luke 9:58

And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

2 Corinthians 8:9



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 5:7

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

Matthew 3:13-15

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

Matthew 20:28

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

Luke 22:27

"For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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John 13:5

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John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Acts 8:32

Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.

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