

Philippians 2: Humility

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Today's Passages: Philippians 2

Last week we began the book of Philippians, a real-life testimony from the Apostle Paul, writing from prison, where Paul has the astounding and encouraging testimony that he presently has joy and hope because knowing Jesus is "far better" than anything prison can take away.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Phil 1:23

As we move in to chapter 2, Paul is essentially going to be addressing the question:

How do we experience the depth of life with Christ that is "far better" than anything else?

"if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit...Phil 2:1"

In other words, if there is anything that is _____ in your walk with God, and you want more...

"complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Phil 2:2

There is a _____ that is core to the Life with Christ that Paul lives.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Phil 1:3

What is the mindset NOT like? Selfish ambition and conceit.

Those are _____ opposed to the Kingdom advancing.

What does this MINDSET look like?

"...but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." 2:3

which is summarized as: _____ for the good of others.

The prime example of this Humility is found in Christ himself: who let go of position and title (even though he was worthy), emptied himself and ultimately sacrificed himself for the good of others. (**Phil 2:5-11**)

Other examples... (What stands out about them to you?)

Paul, Timothy, Epaphroditus, George Washington, Dr. King...

Paul says, this way of life is for you too.

Therefore, my beloved,...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Phil 2:12-15, (in part)

Whether it's a small group of people or a whole nation; in the public sphere or in your home, We ALL have the challenge to embrace humility as a core mindset and way of life, to see the Kingdom advance in us and through us, by sacrificing and serving for the sake of others.

Responding to God...

How does this call for humility, as defined by Paul, land on you?

Which person's example of humility strikes you most?

Where do you find it most challenging to "let go of position, title, prestige, etc. in order to sacrificially serve others?"

What sphere of influence do you feel most called to press in to this right now?

Answers: real, mindset, diabolically, humility, sacrifice