

Be Like Jesus
Philippians 2:1-11

Introduction

What does it mean to “be like Jesus?”

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¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Exposition

I. The Call to Humility (Vv. 1-5)

Humility is not about thinking ill of oneself, Tim Keller, “The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.”

II. The Example of Humility (Vv. 6-11)

Within this story of Jesus’ life and death, Paul observed a pattern of humility and obedience that he and his fellow Christians should emulate. (Consider Paul’s Humility in Phil. 3:4-11 | Note the Hope of Glorification)

Conclusion

We are never more like Jesus than when we humble ourselves to serve one another.

Application

How can you humble yourself this week to serve others?

