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IT'S ABOUT OTHERS

Philippians 2:1 – 11
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MESSAGE NOTES

1. What UNITY looks like. (2:1 – 2)

*When the Gospel enables us to live in love, even though we may have nothing else in common save Christ, it is a testimony to its power to transform a group of sinful, self-centered people into a loving community united by a common relationship with Jesus Christ. — Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, *The Deliberate Church**

2. What HUMILITY looks like. (2:3)

*Every time two people make contact, they come away feeling either better and more energized or worse and more depleted. It is as if we carry our own little emotional ATMs around with us all the time, and at each encounter we are either making deposits or withdrawals on the vitality of those around us. — John Ortberg, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them**

3. What SELFLESSNESS looks like. (2:4)

*We who lived in the concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last pieces of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: The last of his freedoms is to choose his own attitude in any given set of circumstances — to choose one's own way. — Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning**

4. What SERVANTHOOD looks like. (2:5 – 11)

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of Himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death — and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion. — Philippians 2:5 – 8 (The Message)

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. — John 13:17

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What impacted you from last weekend's sermon?
- Why do you think Paul listed all those characteristics in Philippians 2:1 and then topped them all by his request in verse 2?
- In what ways have you experienced the characteristics Paul listed in verses 1 – 2? How do members of the body of Christ practically carry those out?
- What are some situations you've been in, or are possibly in right now, that test your willingness to put others ahead of yourself?
- Why do you think we struggle so much when we're overlooked, unappreciated, or usurped?
- In very practical terms, what does unity look like in the church? What does it take from each of us to contribute to that kind of unity?
- What is the difference between healthy ambition and selfish ambition?
- In verses 6 – 8, Paul describes the humility of Jesus. How would you state that in your own words?
- What examples from the life of Jesus demonstrate His selfless care for others?
- Take some time to read over Isaiah 53 and share what you observe about Christ's humiliation in dying on the cross for us?