



---

## The Example of Christ

By Jeff Bedwell on February 9, 2024

### TODAY'S READING: Philippians 2

Paul opens the chapter by calling us to follow the example of Christ. Read these words slowly and prayerfully:

*“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*  
(Philippians 2:1–11, ESV)

The calling here is to live in a very counter cultural way--to look out not just for our own interests, but in humility and love to also look out for the interests of others. One way we can think about applying this in our lives is by asking ourselves, “How am I disadvantaging myself to advantage others?” This may involve my use of time, energy, money, or other resources. I choose to use what I have been entrusted not just for my comfort, preferences, or purposes, but to serve the needs of others. Like Christ Jesus, who gave

up the glories of heaven to live and die in our place, we are called to “downward mobility.” To act in love toward others even if it is to our personal disadvantage.

Ask God to grow in you the love and mindset of Jesus Christ. Ask God to guide you in a practical way that you might disadvantage yourself for the advantage of another.

**PRAYER:** Father, thank You for doing for me in Christ Jesus what I could have never done for myself. Help me to follow the example of Christ by living a life of love, humility, and service to others even when it costs me personally.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** Genesis 1

*Copyright © 2024 First Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC, All rights reserved.*

[Visit our website](#)

First Baptist Church | (803)547-2051 | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715 | [fbcfm.com](http://fbcfm.com)

First Baptist Church Fort Mill | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715

[Unsubscribe nfinch@fbcfm.com](mailto:nfinch@fbcfm.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [fbcfm@firstbaptistchurchfortmill.ccsend.com](mailto:fbcfm@firstbaptistchurchfortmill.ccsend.com) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!