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## Humility Leads to Glory

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### TODAY'S READING: Philippians 2

Jesus was the embodiment of humility. The Word made flesh willfully left the comfort of Heaven, where He was worshipped, to come to earth to be despised and rejected. He, who knew no beginning, spent nine months in a womb to be born in a barn among the stench of farm animals. He, who created all things, submitted to having His diaper changed and obeying His earthly parents. The eternal Jesus Christ, the King of kings, tasted death. A death that was shameful, inconceivably painful and designed for the worst of criminals. THIS IS HUMILITY! Jesus understood there was no other way for mankind to be reconciled back to God but through His own shed blood. But Paul does not leave it there. I love this!! *"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 2:9-11). What starts in humility results in glorification.

Paul urges our attitudes should be the same as Jesus' toward humility. When we willfully choose to serve others, it results in glory. Not our glory but God's glory. When we humble ourselves and serve others God gets the glory. Jesus said the same in Matthew 5, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* Jesus chose to serve others by becoming the ultimate sacrifice and paying the price for our sins that we could never pay.

If humility is the standard set forth by Jesus, what does it look like for us today? Humility is not self-deprecation, nor is it denying your own needs. Remember, even Jesus took time to rest and be alone. It is okay for you to do it, too. If you are not taking care of yourself then you are not able to serve others. Humility is simply thinking of yourself less. It is prioritizing and meeting the needs of others. If we want to live a life that glorifies God, we start with humbly serving others.

Spend some time in prayer today asking God to enable you through the Holy Spirit to walk in humility so He may be glorified.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Philippians 3

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