



FRESH ENCOUNTER

SERVING FOR GOD'S GLORY

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"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

- Paul's letter to church at Philippi
- Paul was in prison in Rome
- Paul's last teaching / communication with Christians in Philippi

- Kill the urge to fight, argue

1. WE MUST MUTILATE Strife ("kill" fighting)

"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." (Philippians 2:2)

A. We must be like -minded

same mind
as Christ

"For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state." (Philippians 2:20)

"And they, continuing with one accord in the temple, and breaking of bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:46-47)

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:30-32)

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." (Acts 24:16)

B. We must be lowly -minded

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)

"Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." (Psalm 138:6)

humility

"...but to this man will I look, even to him that is of a poor and contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." (Isaiah 66:2b)

"...for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (James 5:5b)

- Jesus Himself emptied himself of powers of deity
- Jesus took on form & likeness of human man
 - * He humbled Himself
 - * He became obedient to death on the cross

- Christians do not live for self love
- Christians live to serve God

2. WE MUST MASTER Self

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." (Philippians 2:4)

Quote: "The man I fear the most is the one who walks underneath this hat."—**D.L. Moody**

Self
love?

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves." (2 Timothy 3:1-2a)

"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator." (Romans 1:25)

"I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1) living sacrifice?

Christ
lives
in me

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

I die
to self
every day

"...I die daily." (1 Corinthians 15:31b)

3. WE MUST HAVE THE MIND OF OUR

Savior

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"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

"For even Christ pleased not himself." (Romans 15:3a)

"And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always the things that please him." (John 8:29)

- Jesus always ministered to others with the intent to please His heavenly Father

CONCLUSION

- 1) Jesus humbled Himself to minister to people
- 2) Jesus became servant to His disciples
 - In 13: 1-5 Jesus on His last night of freedom
 - Jesus knew His final hour of ministry had arrived
 - Jesus washed all of His disciples' feet

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:" (Matthew 20:25-27)

"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matthew 23:12)



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