

I'm Proud to be Humble!

"You Make Me Crazy!" series- Part 04

Connect: What truth did God really drive home into your heart this week?

Hook: In a "Peanuts" cartoon, Linus tells Charlie Brown, "When I get big, I'm going to be a humble little country doctor. I'll live in the city, see, and every morning I'll get up, climb into my sports car, and zoom into the country! Then I'll start healing people... I'll heal people for miles around!" In the last frame, he exclaims, "I'll be a world famous humble little country doctor!"

Charles Schultz, the cartoonist, was poking fun at how difficult it is for us to be humble. We may start out with the goal of being a humble little whatever, but before we know it, we're into being a world-famous, humble little whatever!

Can you reflect on a time when you thought you were humble, but reality finally popped through and pointed a guilty finger at your pride?

Book: Philippians 2:1-11

Php 2:1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from His love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?

Php 2:2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Php 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Php 2:4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Php 2:5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Php 2:6 Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Php 2:7 Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form,

Php 2:8 He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Php 2:9 Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names,

Php 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Php 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Look:

Jesus gave us some important instructions in how we should treat each other and also stated His mission or purpose for His earthly life in the following passage:

So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45

1. What is expected of a servant? Make a list of attributes:
2. Does being a servant and being humble go hand in hand? Why or why not?
3. In Philippians 2, how did God demonstrate His own humility?

Read the following quote and discuss why this is true or not true:

"You really know you are a true servant when you have a positive reaction toward people when they treat you like one." -Jamie Buckingham

4. Why is it hard to put the interest of others before our own?
5. In verse 5, Paul states that we ought to have the same mind as Christ. When you think about His life as recorded in the gospels, how would you like to be more like Him (i.e. have the same mind)?

In life, the cares, anxieties, and worries of this world, can distract us from being humble and a true servant to others. Read the following passage and discuss what it says about Jesus, why we follow Him with confidence, and what we can expect:

Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:30 For My yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."