(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)



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LEAD-IN: Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Humble in Christ**

When you look at the human Jesus and follow His life, what are you seeing?
You are seeing the exact likeness of the transcendent, invisible, unbounded Spirit God (Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3).

And what is the most surprising, even shocking aspect of God seen in Jesus?
His humility.
Yes, our High-and-Holy God is the ultimate example of humility.
The Almighty humbles Himself to tend to human need.
We are lowly creatures, and our needs are so lowly, so gritty.
But God lovingly devotes His magnificent self to ministering to us and to our needs.
Trace the daily life of Jesus, and see that it is so.

So as God's children, as siblings and servants of Jesus Christ, what is our purpose? What is the divine glory we are called to display? We shine with God's glory when we serve human need.

Be eager, be joyful to spend and be spent in His service. Feel honored to show people the glorious, down-to-earth, self-giving love of God.

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