

# REJOICE

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PHILIPPIANS

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## UNITED IN HUMILITY

Philippians 2:1-11

NOTES:

### Review: Our Lives as Christians Reflect our Citizenship in God's Kingdom

**Phil. 1:27** *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,*

### As Citizens of God's Kingdom, We Unite in a Spirit of Humility (2:1-5)

#### 1. We have been given the resources and responsibility to be united.

**Phil. 2:1** *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,*

#### 2. Unity, not uniformity, is the sign of a mature community.

**Phil. 2:2** *complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.*

#### What is Paul's response to seeing mature followers of Jesus? Total joy!

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#### 3. Love and humility serve as the basis of our humility.

**Phil. 2:3** *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

#### 4. Our united mind is found in Jesus Christ alone.

**Phil. 2:5** *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*

## Our Unity Flows from Jesus' Example of Humility (2:6-11)

### 1. Jesus chose humble service over personal rights.

**Phil. 2:6** *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

### 2. Jesus' humble service (to the point of death) resulted in his exaltation.

**Phil. 2:9** *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

### Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Think about your time as a citizen of God's kingdom. How important has Christian community been to your growth as a follower of Christ. Map out key milestones in your progress, identifying those who were instrumental in your maturation.

2) Humble, loving service marks the mature believer. Who in your life serves as a model for these characteristics? What steps can you take this week to grow in these areas? Use Philippians 2:3-4 to identify actions you can take this week.

3) Memorize or meditate on Philippians 2:4-11. Allow the reality of Jesus' humble service and death to fill you with awe and gratitude.

#### SONGS

THIS IS OUR GOD  
BUILD MY LIFE  
O PRAISE THE NAME  
HOLY FOREVER

#### BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$26,544.46  
Weekly Need: \$39,480.00

YTD Giving: \$128,453.67  
YTD General Need: \$157,920.00

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