

WEEK FOUR

Example of Christ

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THE TRAINING CENTER

Philippians 1:21 ^{NIV}

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**A fully devoted follower of Christ,
filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
is an unstoppable force.**

Philippians 2:1-4 ^{NIV}

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HUMILITY OF CHRIST:

Unity in the Church

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Model for Relationships

Philippians 2:5-8 ^{NIV}

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“The concept that all people are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights comes from the Enlightenment and would have been thoroughly alien to the ancient world. The predominant belief instead was that people were by nature created unequal, as evidenced physically (males as dominant and females as inferior), socially (parents would be superior to children, freeborn superior to slaves), and ethnically (Greeks vs. barbarians). Furthermore, social status was apportioned by nature or God, so in this sense it was permanent and unchangeable.”

—Dr. Michelle Lee-Barnewall, Talbot School of Theology

Luke 22:25-27 NIV

Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.
²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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Picture of the Future

Philippians 2:9-11 ^{NIV}

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The humility of Jesus Christ propels
the church to live on mission with Him.**