

**Series Title:** Joy in Humility

**Text:** Philippians 2

### **Introduction:**

I remember watching Hee Haw, a country variety show, and Mac Davis would sing, "*Oh Lord it's hard to be humble.*" It was a bit of a parody, but humility may be one of the hardest things we face. Paul speaks of Jesus as the ultimate example of humility giving up the Throne for a time to serve and actually die for us. For some reason, we tend to think that humility is not required for us. Matthew 23:12 says "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

### **Discussion.**

Why is being humble important to God? Jesus told the disciples that the first would be last and the last first (Matthew 19:30). When we seek to be first, that's when, in God's eyes, we seek the wrong things.

If God could have saved us through some better means than His son dying for us, do you think He would have done that instead?

What does Philippians 2:5-8 mean, and what example does that set for us today?

### **Examination:**

What did Jesus mean when He told the disciples that they must pick up their cross (Luke 9:23)? How often was this to be done, and why is that such a challenge?

### **Unified in Christ**

Hebrews 6:10 says God will not forget the love we have shown Him and others. And just as Jesus was exalted, God will reward us for our obedience based on I Corinthians 3.

Jesus knew Judas would betray Him, and yet still washed His feet. How does humility help you draw closer to Jesus? Do you sense God using your situation to point to Jesus?

**Application**

Complaining is very easy to do, and Luke 6:45 (NLT) says, “A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.” “What you say flows from what is in your heart.”

What has been coming out of your mouth lately about your life, family, circumstances?

We must keep constant watch over our heart to ensure we are walking with Jesus closely, and we are to be quick to repent when our heart begins to stray.

Spend a few moments and ponder how God has provided, cared, and watched over your life, and then tell Him you trust Him. Thank Him for always being there to help you, guide you, and be gracious to you.