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Unity through Humility
Philippians 2.1-11

- I. Read Phil 2:1-11
- II. The Condition of Paul's appeal
 - A. If ... if...if...if
 - B. But not really conditions.
- III. The Command of Paul's Appeal
 - A. Complete my joy
 - 1. Personal appeal, like Trent asking for something
 - 2. But if he asks that, you'd go "ok...how do I do that?"
- IV. How? By...
 - A. Being of the same mind
 - B. Having the same love
 - C. Being in full accord (united in spirit)
 - D. And of one mind (intent on one purpose)
 - 1. Paul's heart for them is radical unity
 - a) John 17:11
 - b) Having the same attitude, the same love, the same spirit, and the same purpose.
- V. How do we pursue that type of unity together?
 - A. By pursuing humility as individuals
 - 1. Seeking to see others as more significant than ourselves
 - 2. Looking to the interests of others in addition to our own
- VI. Our Example
 - A. A humble People following a humble God
 - 1. As God, the Son became man
 - a) Col 1:15-20
 - 2. As a man, Jesus went to the cross
- VII. Our Response
 - A. Ask God to show us where we are motivated by selfish ambition or conceit
 - B. Extend grace and charity to those around us
 - C. How can we make space for the interests of others in the midst of our normal routine?
- VIII. Our Objection
 - A. People might take advantage of me
 - 1. We can exercise wisdom
 - 2. We can trust God to provide our needs

What experiences have you had with a group of people that really exhibited unity? Did it last? If not, what changed?

Read John 13:34 - Jesus says a mark of a Christian is love towards other Christians. How have you done this well in the past? What is one way that you haven't?

Paul says the way toward a unified community is through humility. Who is someone in your life that really exhibits humility? How do they do so?

Paul commands us to look not only to our own interests but to the interests of others. How are you at this? What is one way you can make space in your normal routine to be aware of the interests of others?

Read Colossians 1:15-17 & Isaiah 53:3-5. How does Jesus' example of humility develop humility in us?

Tyler talked about one objection to living this way, that people might take advantage of you. What other objections make us hesitant to live this way? How does Scripture answer these?