



**#DEATHTOSELFIE**

## JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE.

If we want to die to ourselves, we should seek to follow the example of Jesus. No, this doesn't mean we have to get crucified, but it does mean we sacrifice. Jesus could have had it all when He came down to earth as a man, but He chose the lowliest of lows. A baby in a manger. A carpenter. He was willing to give up the glory of being by the Father for our sakes.

Jesus calls us to do the same. His followers did this so well in the New Testament that we are told that we are to model even them. One can think of the missionary Jim Elliot also who died as a missionary and said "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." How much are we willing to give for the Kingdom?

## IN THE BIBLE.

### **John 15:9-16**

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's

business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

## **Philippians 2:5-11**

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

9 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.

## **QUESTIONS.**

1.) What was in the mind and heart of Jesus that made Him self-sacrificial?

2.) Jesus had more reason to think the highly of Himself than we do, yet He was humble and we struggle with it. What keeps you from being humble?

3.) Paul and others said to imitate them as they imitated Christ. What does that look like?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?

2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?

3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?