



“STATUS CHECK”

Series: “LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS”, Part 1 of 6
Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Big Idea: The foundation of a life-giving relationship is Christ-like HUMILITY

Romans 8:25-26a, “But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. “

Philippians 2:1-11, “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5, “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

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I. Selfless Ambition over Selfish Ambition (v.3)

Philippians 2:3a, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.”

Selfless Ambition over Selfish Ambition

Status Check Reflection: How do you tend to demonstrate selfish tendencies in your relationships?

II. Valuing Others First over Valuing Ourselves First (v.3)

Philippians 2:3b, "...value others above yourselves",

Valuing Others First over Valuing Ourselves First

Genesis 1:27, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Status Check Reflection: When was the last time you showed someone else that you valued them?

III. Interests of Others over Our Own Interests (v.4)

Philippians 2:4, "not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Status Check Reflection: Do you more often put the interests of others before your interests?

IV. Servant Nature over Being Served (v.7)

Philippians 2:7, "rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Servant Nature over Being Served

Mark 10:43-45, "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Status Check Reflection: When was the last time you served someone else without any strings attached?

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Philippians 2:9-11, "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth," "and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Is Jesus Christ the Lord of every aspect of your life?

1 John 3:16, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

2 Corinthians 5:14-17, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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