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#winning greatness
Philippians 2:1-11

Have you ever pursued greatness so you could be known for something?

True greatness involves:

I. Looking _____

Philippians 2:1-2 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, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

- Beyond your _____
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 - v.2 *phroneo* --

II. Looking _____

Philippians 2:3-6 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 6 In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude as Christ Jesus.

- v.3 *tapeinophrosyne* --

III. Looking to _____

Philippians 2:6-11 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 but he emptied himself, 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.

- Scholars say v.6-11 is a _____
 - v.7 *kenosis* --

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Compare times in your life when you've sought your own greatness vs. having served others. What patterns do you notice?
2. Do you tend to get stuck in your personal story? What would happen if you looked beyond yourself?
3. What would it look like to humbly regard others as better than yourself—in your marriage? Friendships? Workplace? Neighborhood?
4. Where have you found yourself saying "I'm too important for that," "I'm too busy for that," or "That's beneath me?" Could that be exactly the thing God wants you to do? Do you trust Him?
5. How might you be seeking greatness in the world's eyes?
6. What would it look like to change your example of greatness and take on the mind of Christ?

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