



Pastor Nick Cash “Philippians 2: Humble Obedience” 8/15/2021

Key Verses:

- Philippians 2:3-11

Key Thoughts:

- What is the measure of the Christian life? Belief, faith, and knowledge alone do not make one a good follower of Jesus.
- Because of his proclamation of Jesus as being king, not Caesar, Paul finds himself imprisoned. From prison, he begins to write letters to these churches that he'd planted, teaching them, and answering questions about what they're facing in their contexts.
- He tells the church that if God had done anything for them, they should be one in spirit and purpose. He wants them to be of one mind.
- He goes on to tell them in humility to consider others as better than themselves.
- Paul tells them in 2:5 that their attitude should be that of Jesus. Jesus' attitude was “being in very nature God did not consider equality with God as something to be grasped”. This is a direct reference to the sin of Adam in Genesis 3. His approach to life was that he was going to be in charge of his life and was going to live how he wanted. This attitude has affected all of humanity since then.
- Verse 8 tells us that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. Jesus shows us what measures matter in our lives: attitude and action – humble obedience. The attitude of Jesus is humility. The action of Jesus is obedience.
- Jesus laid down his power and everything that was rightfully his, obeying God to death.
- What happens when we open our bibles is that it reads us. We should open ourselves to it with an attitude of humble obedience. When we read something in the word that contradicts our lives, it's not the word that needs to change.
- Humble obedience is what unleashes the life of freedom that we're all desperate to have.

Discussion Questions:

- What resonated with you from this message?
- Pastor Nick contrasted attitudes of Jesus (humility) and Adam (pride) in the ways that they lived their lives. How have you lived like Adam before? What do you need to do to have an attitude more like Jesus?
- How have you experienced something in the bible that contradicts how you live? How did you respond?