

# **WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER DEC 5TH – 10:15AM**

## ***The Model of Grace & Humility***

**Welcome:** [Pastor Joel]

- Last week we looked at James 4:1-5 which called us to an unadulterated friendship with God. Today we continue in the next verses in that passage and will see that verses 6-10 express how the grace of God extends to the humble.
  - *James 4:6-10 - <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*
- We need God’s grace, which is given to those that humble themselves before God. To rightly understand Grace, we need to examine Jesus, the model of grace and humility. By looking at Paul’s explanation and exaltation of the humility of Jesus in Philippians 2:5-11, let’s allow Jesus’ incarnation to remind us that in humility He came, in humility He gave, and in glory He was exalted.
- **Jesus, The Model of Grace and Humility**
  - In Humility Jesus Came – Phil 2:5-7
  - In Humility Jesus Gave – Phil 2:8
  - In Glory Jesus was Exalted – Phil 2:9-11

### **IN HUMILITY JESUS CAME – Philippians 2:5-7**

**Philippians 2:5-7** - <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>[c]</sup> being born in the likeness of men.

**Congregational Song:** Sing We the Song of Emanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious, Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay, the Invincible  
Maker of Mary, now Mary’s son  
O what wisdom to save us all

Shepherds, sages, before Him fall  
Grace and majesty, what humility  
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads, for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive, let the gospel ring  
God has made a way, He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus

**John 1:14** - <sup>14</sup> *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son<sup>[d]</sup> from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Congregational Song: What Child is This?**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

**IN HUMILITY JESUS GAVE – Philippians 2:8** [Pastor Bernie]

**Philippians 2:8** - <sup>8</sup> *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**Jesus Gave Himself for Us** [Pastor Bernie]

- Galatians 1:3-5 - <sup>3</sup> *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*
- Galatians 2:20 - <sup>20</sup> *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- I Timothy 2:5-6 - <sup>5</sup> *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man<sup>[a]</sup> Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*
- Titus 2:11-14 - <sup>11</sup> *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

### **Congregational Song:** Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

**Hebrews 2:9** - <sup>9</sup> *But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

**Solo:** Thou Who Wast Rich [Richard Joseph]

**II Corinthians 8:9** - <sup>9</sup> *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor  
All for love's sake becamest poor  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor  
All for love's sake becamest poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becamest man  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heav'n-ward by Thine eternal plan  
Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becamest man

Thou who art love, beyond all telling  
Savior and King, we worship Thee  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling  
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be  
Thou who art love beyond all telling  
Savior and King, we worship Thee

### **IN GLORY JESUS WAS EXALTED – Philippians 2:9-11** [Pastor Steve]

**Philippians 2:9-11** - <sup>9</sup> *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* <sup>10</sup> *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* <sup>11</sup> *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Reading:** “God’s Most Successful Setback” – by John Piper “Good News of Great Joy – Daily Readings for Advent” p 35-36. [Pastor Steve]

Christmas was God’s most successful setback. He has always delighted to show his power through apparent defeat. He makes tactical retreats in order to win strategic victories.

Joseph, was promised glory and power in his dream (Gen 37:5-11). But to achieve that victory he had to become a slave in Egypt. And as if that were not enough, when his conditions improved because of his integrity, he was made worse than a slave – a prisoner.

But it was all planned. For there in prison he met Pharaoh’s butler, who eventually brought him to Pharaoh who put him over Egypt. What an unlikely route to glory!

But that is God’s way – even for his Son. He emptied himself and took the form of a slave. Worse than a slave – a prisoner – and was executed. But like Joseph, he kept his integrity “*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow*” (Phil 2:9-10).

And this is God’s way for us too. We are promised glory – if we suffer with him (Rom 8:17). The way up is down. The way forward is backwards. The way to success is through divinely appointed setbacks. They will always look and feel like failure. But if Joseph and Jesus teach us anything this Christmas it is this: “*God meant it for good!*” (Gen 50:20).

### **Congregational Song: Infant Holy Infant Lowly**

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;

oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you!  
Christ the Babe was born for you!

### **Children 3 Yr. through 6<sup>th</sup> Graded dismissed to Junior Church**

**Message:** Grace & Humility - James 4:6-10 [*Pastor Steve*]

*What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions<sup>[a]</sup> are at war within you?<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people!<sup>[c]</sup> Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

### **Closing Song of Response: Jesus Strong and Kind**

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can give me peace  
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

**Closing Announcements:** *[Pastor Steve]*

Tonight - Teen Christmas Fellowship at church from 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program practice from 9:30am-12:00pm

- 9:00am for Adult Choir
- 9:30am for children, instrumentalists, narrators

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – Funeral Service for Pastor James Snow

- Service at 4:00pm in the Gym with a fellowship meal at 5:00pm.

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am – “Prince of Peace” – FBC Christmas Program

- No Sunday School

January 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm – Wedding of Mike Zajicek and Barbara Grobeman with meal to follow.

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