

# BETTER TOGETHER #4

## Philippians 2:1-11

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**SLIDE 1 – FEEDBACK TIME – Post on FB Live Stream or text 775-322-3004**

**SLIDE 2 – BETTER TOGETHER #4– SGN**

- 2020 – Compelled by Jesus – Deep love for God, His Word & presence

**SLIDE 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> CENTURY PHILIPPI**

- **Philippi** – a colony of largely ex-Roman soldiers – **Via Egnatia** –
- Paul writes to the Philippians from Rome/house arrest – awaiting trial w/Caesar
- Key word/phrase that will resurface several times in Philippians – JOY

**SLIDE 4 – WHATEVER HAPPENS...**

- Vv27-30 – Informs the “Therefore” to begin **Philippians 2**
- Whether Paul lives or dies – live worthy of the GGN

**SLIDES 5-9 – PHILLIPIANS 2:1-11**

**SLIDE 10 – IF = SINCE**

- Therefore, if... reading in English can misunderstand “If you have any encouragement, then do this...” Well, I don’t have any.
  - Yes you do – IN CHRIST this is a sure thing
- Paul is building a case for living life worthy of the gospel, glory to God, GGN
  - Not systematic but definitely instructional – basic life

**SLIDE 11 – UNITED WITH CHRIST**

- SINCE we are united w/Christ, our flesh/family DNA doesn’t dictate actions
- In Christ, we have HIS family DNA/traits in us – worked by HS – FOLLOW
  - Encouragement, comfort, common sharing, tenderness, compassion
  - Esp. how we interact with others – it reflects directly on Christ/Christians

**SLIDE 12 – WHAT’S IT TAKE TO FOLLOW CHRIST?**

- Paul – tapping into Jesus’ own instructions to wannabe disciples
  - **Luke 9:23-26** – want to be a disciple? Put aside selfish-ambition, take up cross daily, & follow Me
  - Do NOTHING – selfish-ambition or vain conceit; rather, HUMILITY
  - Humbly consider others interests (vs. insisting on ME 1<sup>st</sup> or own rights)
    - ≠ “I’m a servant all for Jesus” ignoring self/family/responsibilities
- Love, humility, compassion, kindness, selflessness → for ALL relationships

**SLIDE 13 – THE MINDSET OF CHRIST**

- In your relationships with one another – have the SAME mindset as Christ Jesus
  - **Phil. 1:6-8** – *though 100% God, Jesus didn't insist on His own way or on using His equality with God for His own advantage – READ IT*
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Adams – both have to battle sin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam beat tempter

#### SLIDE 14 – KENOSIS: THE GREAT EMPTYING

- Christ made Himself nothing (*kenosis – emptying of divine rights*) not divinity
- Took the very nature/form of a servant – *doulos – bondsman* – human likeness
  - By choice – one who gives self up to do the will of another
- As a man – Immanu'El/the Incarnation– He humbled HIMSELF/made Himself of low position to accomplish the will & purposes of God the Father/the Godhead
  - He humbled Himself BY being obedient, even to the point of death, even death on a cross! **Jesus rejected all BUT God's plan for His life**
  - **Matthew 16** – get behind me Satan, don't have purposes of God in mind
  - **Matthew 26:39** – if possible, take this cup from Me
  - **Jn 1:29** – Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

#### SLIDE 15 – JESUS: NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

- Therefore, God exalted Him to the Highest Place (vs. Jesus humbled Himself)
- Gave Him the Name above EVERY name –
  - All power, authority, dominion, strength, life, reach – belong to Christ
    - Supreme Majesty of Christ
- At the Name of Jesus, EVERY knee should bow – (sign of honor & worship)
  - Heaven, earth, under the earth (*heavenlies, earthly, & hades/sheol*)
- (At the Name of Jesus,) EVERY tongue should confess – (
- Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father
  - Caesar is Lord, the Emperor cult, the Roman soldier retirement challenge

#### SLIDE 16 – THE TWO “LOVES”

- 613 Commandments – 365 negative, 248 positive – “Jesus, which is greatest?”
  - Commandment – focus on the letter of the law, ritual observance
  - “Love the Lord your God – heart, soul, mind; love neighbor as self
    - **Dt 6:1; Lv 19:18**; This sums up the Law & the Prophets
- The 2 loves – Christ-following worked out in submitted, committed relationships
  - How I think, speak, & act towards others reveals Christ in me
  - Embrace love God, love people → repeat
    - **1Jn 4:20** – Love God? Show by how you love your brothers/sisters

#### SLIDE 17– BETTER TOGETHER

- **John 17** – known by our love for one another

- Being a people rallied around Jesus & the Gospel Good News
- Partnering w/the on-going work of the Missio Dei
- We need each other; encourage & strengthen each other
- Our examples for each other – encourage one another

**SLIDE 18 – 2020: COMPELLED BY JESUS**

- Theme for 2020 – Compelled, directed (strongly)

**SLIDE 19 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?**

**SLIDE 20 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE – ANNOUNCE THIS**

- Hillside APP – prayer requests – text to church phone or [WEB@Hillside4.org](mailto:WEB@Hillside4.org)
- Make sure “Notifications” are on for both “General” & “Prayer” notifications