HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Face it Dude, You're Skewed!: Part 5
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Philippians 2:1–11

THE SKEWED VIEWS

- 1. I can fix the **SICKNESS** by treating the **SYMPTOMS**.
- 2. I can do it ALONE.
- 3. The ends justify the MEANS.
- 4. I can do it with LITTLE EFFORT.

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1. CONVERSION: Change starts IN ME.

"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?" (Philippians 2:1, NLT)

"Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence. God has done all this. He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships." (2 Corinthians 5:17–18, GW)

"When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke." (Matthew 9:36a, The Message)

2. COMMUNITY: It takes a **TEAM** to fulfill a **DREAM**.

"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." (Philippians 2:2, NLT)

"And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits." (Mark 6:7, NLT)

The Marks of a Mature Team

- a. **UNITY**.
- b. **CHARITY**.
- c. **ACTION**.
- d. CLARITY.

3. CODE: METHODS matter.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." (Philippians 2:3–4, NLT)

Guiding Behaviors

- a. CARING: Reject 'us' and 'them' mentality.
- b. **CENTERED**: Focus on the problem over self-promotion.
- c. COURTEOUS: Validate value.
- d. CONSIDERATE: Listen to all sides.

4. COPY: MIMIC the Master.

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5–11, NLT)

- a. StEPPED up to the need.
- b. StOOPED down to serve.
- c. StRETCHED out his life.
- d. StOOD in our place.

ACTIONS

Serve in a ministry. CLASS 401