

The "rags-to-riches" story is one that we commonly hear. It might be someone who has nothing coming into great wealth, or the ridiculed person who becomes a great king or hero. It's a classic tale, but how often do we hear of the opposite; someone who had it all and gave it all up? Today we're going to see Paul call us to something radically different than the normal ideas about how to live.

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-6

Songs of Praise

Belong To You Hallelujah Amen

# Announcements and Offering

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**Confession of Faith** 

#### Westminster Larger Catechism #46

#### Q. What was the estate of Christ's Humiliation?

A. The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

Philippians 2:6-8 Luke 1:31 2 Corinthians 8:9 Acts 2:24

## Song of Declaration

Homecoming

# Sermon - The Humility of Christ

Sermon Scripture - Philippians 2:1-8

### **Call To Humility**

- What is the main application from this passage?
- How does Paul expect the church to live? Why is it so difficult?
- What do we learn about ourselves from Ezekiel 36:25-27?
  - Galatians 2:20

### **Magnitude Of Humility**

- What example does Paul call us to follow?
- What is meant by the phrase in the form of God?
  o John 10:30
- Why did Jesus humble himself?
  - Ephesians 2:4
  - Matthew 20:28

# **Depth of Humility**

- What is included in the humiliation of Christ?
  - Christ's humiliation consisted of his being born in a low condition, living under the Law, undergoing the miseries of this life, undergoing the wrath of God and the cursed death of the Cross, and in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time. -Westminster Shorter Catechism #27
- What does Hebrews 2:17 say? What is subtraction by addition?
  - John 1:14
  - Hebrews 2:17
  - Isaiah 53:5

# Conclusion

• What is the application and implication of this passage? Why do we need to understand both?

O, to see my name written in the wounds, For through your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through your selfless love! This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross. - Power of the Cross (Hymn)

# Song of Response

Resurrecting

### **Benediction**

- 1. Why do "rags to riches" stories connect so well with people?
- 2. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. Did you notice a change in your life when you came to faith? What, if anything changed?
- 3. What is the greatest act of humility you have personally witnessed? What was the reaction to that specific act?
- 4. Read Hebrews 2:17. How do you respond to this verse?
- 5. When you read scripture do you find yourself looking for the application or the implication more often? Why is it important to see both?
- 6. How should we respond to the humility we witness in the life of Jesus?