

Devotion 6: Exalted Above Every Name

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Scripture: *Philippians 2:9–11*

“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, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Devotion

All week we have been preparing our hearts to watch the events of Holy Week unfold. We’ve seen the darkness where stars shine brightest. We’ve marveled at a King who humbles Himself to ride a donkey. We’ve looked through the eyes of angel armies and the Father watching from His throne. Now Paul gives us the ending of the story—and what an ending it is! The One who emptied Himself, who became obedient to death on a cross, is now “highly exalted.” God has given Jesus the name that is above every name. Every knee—in heaven, on earth, and under the earth—will bow before Him. Every tongue will confess that He is Lord. This is what makes Holy Week so powerful. The humiliation leads to exaltation. The suffering leads to glory. The cross leads to the empty tomb. As we step into Palm Sunday tomorrow and the days of Holy Week beyond, we do not watch in fear. We watch in faithful wonder, knowing that the Son of God gives up everything in order to restore all things. Ride on, ride on, Lord Jesus—take up Your power and reign!

Discussion Questions

1. Why does the story of Jesus go from suffering to glory, and not the other way around?
2. What does it mean for your life that “every knee will bow” before Jesus?
3. How will you watch in “faithful wonder” during Holy Week this year?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself to the lowest place so that You could lift us up to be with You forever. As we enter Holy Week, fill us with faithful wonder. Help us to see Your love in every part of the story—in the palms, the upper room, the cross, and the empty tomb. We bow before You now and confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, plan which Holy Week services you will attend together this week. Talk about what you will be watching for and how you will “watch in faithful wonder” as the story of Jesus unfolds.