

NETCAST SERMON NOTES

Series: This Isn't Normal

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Title: The Model

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Key Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11 (with Romans 1:18-32)

The Big Idea: Pride always puts "self" where only God belongs, but Jesus shows us another way—surrendering our rights, trusting the Father, and shifting our focus from our own self-importance to His ultimate lordship.

JESUS GIVES US A MINDSET RESET

Pride isn't always thinking you're better than everyone else; it is simply thinking about yourself too much, keeping "self" at the center of the story. Jesus commands us to shift our fundamental perspective and outlook, because pride doesn't begin in our actions—it begins in the stories we tell ourselves about who sits on the throne.

PRIDE GRABS. JESUS SURRENDERS.

While humanity defaults to climbing, comparing, competing, and grasping for status, Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.

- **The Purpose of Influence:** God gives His people leadership and influence to humble their hearts, not to elevate or promote themselves.
- **Obedience as Humility:** The most evident form of pride is blatant disobedience, where we choose our own pleasures, timing, and preferences over God's design.
- **The Ultimate Collision:** Romans 1 shows humanity grasping and trying to become God, which always leads to destruction. Philippians 2 shows God becoming human, laying down His life as the ultimate sacrifice.

JESUS IS LORD WHETHER WE BOW NOW OR LATER

Because Jesus lowered Himself to the point of death on a cross, God "super-exalted" Him to the highest place. The Father gave Jesus exactly what Jesus refused to take for Himself, proving that we can stop exhausting ourselves trying to manufacture reputations and prove our own significance.

- **Every Knee Will Bow:** Every single authority, ideology, billionaire, skeptic, and rebel will eventually bow.
- **Every Tongue Will Confess:** Jesus Christ is Kyrios—the sovereign King of the universe right now, meaning the servant on the cross is the Ruler of all creation.

Call to Action / Takeaway: You don't become humble by obsessing over your pride; you become humble by becoming fascinated with Christ. Humility is the fruit, but Jesus is the focus. Stop and worship Him this week until you are captivated by Someone greater.