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THE PHILIPPIAN PROBLEM:

Success was leading to _____ . (PHILIPPIANS 4:2-3)

PAUL'S ANSWER:

He points them to the _____ of Christ.

“ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place, and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

THE DOCTRINE OF THE INCARNATION:

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 (NIV)

REALITY 1 - Jesus is Fully _____ .

- “ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” - JOHN 1:1
- “ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” - HEBREWS 1:3a
- “ Before Abraham was, I AM.” - JOHN 8:58

“ have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being **in very nature God**,” v.5-6

Very Nature (morphe):
Essence, nature or character.
Who you are at your core.

REALITY 2 - Jesus is Fully _____ .

“ He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” v.7

“ The glory of the incarnation is that it presents to our adoring gaze not a humanized God or a deified man, but a true God man – one who is all that God is, and at the same time all that man is- one on whose almighty arm we can rest and to whose human sympathy we can appeal.

- Dr. Benjamin Warfield

“ The decision to become human, and to go all the way along the road of obedience, to the divine plan of salvation, yes all the way to the cross - this decision was not a decision to stop being divine. It was a decision about what it really meant to be divine.

- N.T. Wright

THE DOWNWARD MOBILITY OF GOD

Though He was God...

- Made Himself Nothing (*Emptied Himself*)
- Took the very nature of a Servant
 - Made in likeness of humanity
 - Humbled Himself
 - Became obedient to death
 - Even death on the cross

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We humans, especially Americans, have an almost incurable pull up and to the right. It is just built into most people to want to climb the ladder, and try to get ahead. I guess we believe if we can just get to the top there will be joy, satisfaction and fulfillment waiting there for us.

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- Bill Hybels
DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

OUR RESPONSE:



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- **Bicol Center for Christian Leadership**, *Legazpi Philippines* - Tim and Claire Marker
- **Aslan Child Rescue**, *Mali and Jordan*
- **Faith Home Teen Challenge**, *California Central Valley*
- **Steve Newman Servant Leadership Fund**, *Lodi, CA*

SOWHAT?

MY _____ should be the same as Christ Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1 - What is your favorite Christmas tradition? Favorite Christmas movie? Favorite Christmas Carol?
- 2 - Read Philippians 4:2-4. Why do you think Paul included these verses in his inspired letter?
- 3 - With the disunity of Philippians 4:2-4 in mind, read Philippians 2:1-11.
- 4 - Using the words and images in these verse how would you describe the incarnation of Jesus to someone? What phrases or images from this passage stand out to you as most important?
- 5 - Which is easier for you to believe in: The Deity of Christ or the Humanity of Christ? Which is easier for you to relate to: The Deity of Christ or the Humanity of Christ?
- 6 - Have you ever experienced the negative impact of corrupt or self serving leadership?
- 7 - What is the Attitude (mindset) of Christ? Where is one place you can display that attitude this week?



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Empowering the Next Generation of Servant Leaders

In 2022 the First Baptist Church Advent Conspiracy Project seeks to support groups that are actively empowering a new generation of servant leaders. We believe by supporting these leadership development programs we can make a difference in each of those communities for generations to come.

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BORN for THIS: Christmas Concert

Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm | Saturday, December 17th at 7:00pm | Sunday, December 18th at 3:30pm

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