

# The Pecking Order

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## Philippians 2:5-11

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#### Downward Steps

*Descent of distance (from heaven to earth)*

*Descent of prominence (went from being worshiped on the throne to the dirty world)*

*Descent of consequence (became obedient to the death of the cross)  
Borrowed : everything he had (the creator of everything had to borrow everything) A manger A dad A tomb*

*Descent of essence (went from being without sin to taking all our sin) He made himself nothing John 10:18 His choice*

#### Turning the Pecking order upside down

#### Luke 2

*He came as a baby!! He was lowest on the pecking order...*

#### John 15

*↑ John 13 His teaching was backwards from everything everyone else taught. Who's going to be the greatest. (All the disciples wanted to go up but Jesus knew that the way up was down) Only the lowest person in the house would wash feet... However Jesus stood with great deliberation washed the feet of his disciples*

#### Jesus exemplified 3 attitudes

*1) HE HAD NOTHING TO PROVE \* He knew exactly who he was \* He knew He was sent from God \* His identity was settled (He was not dependent on anyone's opinion so He served*

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*2) HE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE \* He knew that his security came from God \* His only goal was to please the father \* He knew that he was valuable*

*3) Lived like he had nothing to gain \* There was nothing they had that he didn't already \* He was secure in God and had no fear because He was God's*

## Learning about Humility

*Humility is unannounced, John 13:4-5*

*Humility is willing to receive John 13:6-8*

*Humility is NOT a sign of weakness John 13:7,9-10*

*Humility does not play favorites John 13:11*

## The Motivation for humility, John 13:34-35

*Jesus said that LOVE motivates*

## 3 Cautions

*Do not say "I'll start doing when everyone else starts doing it" Who needs to start the revolution ? Far too many of us are waiting for the other to start!*

*Don't say "I'll start doing it when I have more time" You allow time for what matters to you*

*Be prepared for reality. No one can push back against the pecking order without the chickens who are higher up getting upset and pecking back!*