

# Descending into Greatness Week 1

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## Phillipians 2:5-11

Why Down is Best

A. Follows the Example of Jesus

*From heaven to (Creator enters creation)*

*Form of a bondservant (owner of everything had to borrow a manger)*

*Humiliating death on a cross ( the giver of life experiences death)*

B. Recieves the Blessing of God

*James 4:10, Mathew 20:26,*

C. Demonstrates the Reality of Love

*Romans 5:8, Proverbs 16:5, up is the opposite of love*

“Down” Means ...

A. Yielding our desires and passions to God

B. Inviting God To chip away at the rough edges of our life

C. Using Our gifts without seeking applause

D. Allow God to conform our dreams to His will

E. Discovering needs in other people that We can meet

The Upside of Down

*Self denial leads to self fulfillment (Matthew 16:24)*

## The Downside of Up

*Self indulgence leads to self destruction Ex: "The poverty of nations" by Wayne Grudem "Why nations Fail" by James Robinson The nations that share the power instead of hoarding it flourish while the opposite is self destructing*

## 2 Eamples

George Washington (willing walked away from power)

Mobutu (got elected president of the Congo then became a dictator making himself rich and his country poor)

## 2 Kings, Matthew 2

1.Herrod

2.Jesus