



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Fan or Fanatic?

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Philippians 2:9-11 (World English Bible)**

"Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Paul describes Jesus' exaltation after his humble obedience, even to death on a cross. This passage calls us to honor Jesus as Lord while sharing his humility and concern for others. Tony's ballpark comparison invites us to consider whether our devotion to Jesus is as visible as our enthusiasm for a favorite team. His closing phrase, 'Team Jesus wins,' points us toward Christ's final victory. Our confidence rests in Jesus, even when faithfulness brings difficulty or costs us approval.

Discussion Questions

- Tony notices how openly people celebrate their favorite teams. What do your conversations, time, and choices tell others you value most?
- What would it look like for Jesus to be Lord of one ordinary part of your week, beyond the words you use to describe your faith?
- When have you felt pressure to hide your commitment to Jesus? What would a courageous and gracious response look like?
- How does Jesus' humility shape the way you speak with someone who considers your faith excessive? How can you listen well while remaining faithful?
- How does hope in Christ's final victory strengthen you when you face rejection or disappointment today?

Reflection Challenge

This week, put your devotion into one quiet habit and one visible act of love. Let your enthusiasm for Jesus grow into steady obedience that blesses another person.

Ask yourself:

- Where am I more eager for people's approval than for faithfulness to Jesus?
- Does my enthusiasm for Christ show up in patience, humility, and care for others?
- What truth from God's Word am I ready to put into practice today?

Try this:

- Read the highlighted passage slowly each day this week. Ask God to help you live under Jesus' lordship in one specific decision.
- Set aside ten minutes for Bible reading and prayer before giving that time to sports, entertainment, or another favorite interest.
- Encourage or serve someone who sees faith differently. If a conversation opens, explain your hope in Jesus with warmth and respect.
- At the end of the week, write down one act of obedience and one moment when you needed God's help. Thank him for both.

Remember

- Jesus Christ is Lord; our deepest allegiance belongs to him.
- Devotion grows through time in God's Word, prayer, and daily obedience.
- Courage and humility belong together in a faithful Christian life.
- A person's criticism does not change Jesus' worth or authority.
- Following Jesus can involve hardship; his final victory gives us lasting hope.
- Let 'Team Jesus wins' remind you to trust Christ and love the people around you.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for Jesus, our Lord. Help me give him my trust, attention, and obedience. When I am afraid of what others think, give me courage to follow him. Let that courage be shaped by his humility. Teach me to listen, to speak with kindness, and to serve without needing applause. As I read your Word this week, show me a step of faithfulness I can take. Keep my hope rooted in Christ's victory when life is difficult.

In Jesus' name, Amen.