Jesus, Our Example

Phil. 2:5-11

The entrance of Jesus into the world of men and women is remarkable. It is extraordinary that Jesus came, but the way He showed up was far more impressive. The world of the Jewish Messianic prophesy was looking for a warrior, a king. The vulnerability and humility Jesus displayed at His birth is a powerful example for all of us today. His birth, often depicted as a simple scene in a manger, symbolizes the level of vulnerability required of us in the act of surrender. Despite being the Son of God, Jesus did not demand his rights or cling to his divine privileges. Instead, he willingly chose to empty himself and take on the role of a servant.

This act of humility is a profound reminder for us to embrace humility in our own lives. In a world that often values power, status, and recognition, Jesus' humility stands at the other end of the spectrum. It challenges us at the core of our baser instincts. Jesus teaches us that true greatness is seeing yourself in others and serving them because you understand them to be somebody.

Jesus' humility challenges our egos and calls us to cease making comparisons because that leads to us believing we are better than someone else. It encourages us to put aside our desires and agendas to meet the needs of those around us.

As we celebrate this Holiday season, it is essential to remember that it is not just about exchanging gifts or indulging in festive delights. It is a time to reflect on the significance of Jesus' birth and the humility he displayed. It is an opportunity to pause and consider how we can embody that humility.

Embracing humility means recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses. It means acknowledging that we are not always right and that there is value in listening to others. Humility allows us to let go of our pride and ego, making room for growth and learning. It opens the door to empathy and understanding, enabling us to connect with others on a deeper level. Humility also involves serving others with a genuine heart. It means making the needs of others as significant as our own and using our talents and resources to impact the world positively.

Just as Jesus took on the role of a servant, we, too, can find fulfillment in serving others by knowing we are serving Jesus.

Christmas reminds us of the immense love and grace that Jesus demonstrated through his humility. It challenges us to reevaluate our priorities and strive for a life marked by humility, love, and service. As we gather with family and friends during this festive season, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ and the humility he displayed. Let us be inspired by his example and strive to live lives of humility in service to others.

Blessings,
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