



Deeper Life Notes

Stepping Down, Stepping Up: “Stepping into Obedience” (Philippians 2:8)

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Warm up: In what ways have you counted others more significant than yourself?

*How is the Scripture memory going?

Philippians 2:1-8 ESV: ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the **form** of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the **form** of a servant, being born in the **likeness** of men. ⁸ And being found in human **form**, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Review:

- 1) Stepping into the joy of a shared identity: 5 gifts (v.1)
 - 2) Stepping into a shared harmony (v.2)
 - 3) Stepping away from polarizing attitudes and action (v.3a)
 - 4) Stepping into a shared humility (vv.3b-4)
 - 5) Stepping down into Christ-like humility (vv.5-8)
- A mindset to follow, A person to know and trust, A destiny to be fulfilled:
→ Planned (Acts 2:23, John 11:50, 1 Peter 2:24)

SAYING “YES” TO THREE TRUTHS (PHILIPPIANS 2:8):

1. THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR _____¹ NATURE

Notice 3 words in vv.5-8:

morphe (mor-fay) = “form” (vv.6 & 7) - essential (inner) substance

homoíoma (hom-oy'-o-mah) = “likeness” (v.7) - that which is made like something, a resemblance but not an exact copy (see also Romans 8:3)

sxēma (skay-mah) “visible form” (v.7 or v.8) - outward appearance, Jesus' earthly body
Christ incarnated into a genuine physical body, which was not an “exact match with typical humanity” because His body was never touched or tainted by sin - even original sin.

What does God's word say about our sin nature?

(1 John 1:8,10; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23 Ephesians 2:1-8)

SAYING "YES" TO THREE TRUTHS (PHILIPPIANS 2:8)...

What does the Bible say about the human heart?

(Jeremiah 17:9 Ezekiel 11:19; 18:31; 36:26; 2 Cor 5:17)

To what kind of obedience does God call us?

- a) Confess your sins (1 John 1:9)
- b) Confess Christ (Acts 14:12, 16:31)
- c) _____² (Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30, Romans 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9)
- d) Obey (Isaiah 50:10, John 3:36, Romans 6:16 & 15:18)

2. THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST'S _____³ "And being found in human form" (v.8a)

Study: Isaiah 53:2b, John 7:18, 8:46, 14:30, Romans 5:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22, 3:18, 1 John 3:5,7

3. TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S _____⁴

What does that obedience look like? **3 characteristics:**

- a) An obedience that embraces suffering and hardship (Hebrews 12:1-9, Romans 5:8)
- b) An obedience that accepts _____⁵ (Deuteronomy 21:23, Galatians 3:13)

"Following Jesus isn't something you can do at night where no one notices. It's a twenty-four-hour-a-day commitment that will interfere with your life. That's not the small print—that's a guarantee."

- Kyle Idleman, Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus

- c) An obedience that follows at any cost

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship... The biggest threat to the church today is fans who call themselves Christians but aren't actually interested in following Christ. They want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything from them." - Kyle Idleman

² Repent

³ Sinlessness

⁴ OBEDIENCE

⁵ shame

