More Like Jesus

Ken Chapman · Philippians 2:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- The word I want to use this morning is that He is our pattern. He is our example.
- We study the life of Christ so that we can imitate it and have it as our pattern.
- Jesus is the pinnacle of examples of unity. He is the apex of patterns when it comes to humility.

1 The Key to Our Unity

Philippians 2:1–2; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12

- Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord and of one mind. That's unity.
- What the apostle is putting before us in verse 2 is unity, not uniformity.
- That you be of one accord. Literally, that means you be joined in soul.
- When the finger suffered, the whole body suffered with it.
- We're joined in soul together. That's the unity that he's talking about here emotional soul type of unity.

2 Humility: He Thought of Others, Not of Himself

Philippians 2:4–6; Romans 15:1

- It's not thinking less of self, it's thinking of self less often.
- We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak and not to please ourselves.
- He didn't think of himself and put himself first, but rather thought of us and put us first.
- Jesus didn't grab hold of the existence and the blessings that he had with his father in heaven.
- There's nothing that I have that is not willing to be sacrificed for others.
- According to this text, that's the way I'm to treat you every day. That I'm going to put you first.

3 Jesus Served

Philippians 2:7

- The gospels tell us that he did not come to be served, but to serve.
- Made himself of no reputation and taking the form of a servant and coming in the likeness of men.
- Jesus, who was God, who just a few years before was enjoying the bliss of heaven… took in his hands, dirty, sweaty, smelly, feet.
- He doesn't tell me to turn over tables like Jesus. He tells me to wash feet like Jesus. Serve like Jesus.

4 Jesus Sacrificed

Philippians 2:8–9

- He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- God through Jesus Christ chose how he would die. And he chose the worst way.

- Not just a death of excruciating pain, it's a death of horrible humiliation.
- That's not just the death that Jesus suffered. That's the death he chose to suffer for us.
- If I want the exaltation that Christ experienced, then I have to experience the humility and the suffering and the serving.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you follow in his footsteps this morning by obeying the gospel, believing in him, repenting of your sins, confessing your faith openly, and being baptized into his life and into his death this morning, vowing to be more like Jesus.

MY NOTES