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Philippians 2 & 3

Philippians is Paul ministering to his partners and sharing his heart. He'd been in prison for three to five years. Paul comforted them, saying not to worry because what happened to him had spread the gospel. It was worth it to him because people's lives were being changed.

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind. — Philippians 2:2

- He encourages his partners to have the same attitude he had.

... for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. — Psalm 133:3

- We don't put enough emphasis on being of one accord.
- How?

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. —Philippians 2:3

- Think of others more highly than yourself.

Only by pride cometh contention.... —Proverbs 13:10

- Most people think it's what others do that causes strife, but it's really their pride.
- It's not what's done to you that is the problem.
- It's what's inside you that responds the way you do.

... what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? —1 Corinthians 4:7

- Even if there's something good in you, you can't take credit for it because God gave it to you!

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. —Philippians 2:4

- As you see things from the perspective of others, it changes things.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: —Philippians 2:5-6

- Jesus knew He was God manifest in the flesh, but He divested Himself of that divinity and did not operate as God, but as a man while He was on this earth.

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. —Philippians 2:7-8

- Paul uses Jesus as an example of how to put others first and see things from their perspective.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. — Hebrews 2:17-18

- Jesus did this so He could see things from our perspective.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. —Philippians 2:9-11

- God exalted Jesus for coming to Earth as a man.
- If we will humble ourselves and build God's kingdom instead of our kingdoms, He will exalt us (1 Pet. 5 and Jas. 4).

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. —Philippians 3:3

- When you have no confidence in your flesh is when you can be the strongest in Christ.

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, —Philippians 3:8

- Paul had the equivalent of multiple doctorate degrees and said that was like manure compared to knowing Christ.
- You must come to the end of yourself before you truly get to know Jesus.
- Trust in God and His ability instead of yours.

