

THE EMPTYING



“Jesus made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:7

Jesus emptied himself of his divine prerogatives to become my slave.

If I have grasped what Jesus did to become like me to serve me, then I will do what I must to become like Jesus to serve him.

- ▶ Like Jesus, I will promote unity. (v. 2)
- ▶ Like Jesus, I will practice humility. (v. 2)
- ▶ Like Jesus, I will prefer others before myself. (v. 4)

WWJD TO WWJT



“Let this mind be in you that was also in Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7



“Being in very nature God...taking the very nature of a servant.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7

Nature = *morphe*
the outward manifestation of an inward reality.

Jesus, being in form and substance God, did not consider his divinity grounds for grasping; he considered it grounds for giving.



“Being in very nature God.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:6

“Being”

A circumstantial participle. A word that is translated depending on its circumstances.

CONTEXT: Jesus didn't become a servant in spite of the fact he was God, but precisely because he was God.

The *morphe* of the man was the *morphe* of God; the outward appearance of Jesus' humanity was consistent to the inner nature of his divinity.

Jesus descended into servanthood to show us what God is like and what God values.





“Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

Being **LIKE JESUS**

1

**I must start thinking
more of others and less
of me.**



“Put yourself aside to help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4,

**SERVANTHOOD
ASSIGNMENT:**
Forget about me!

Being
LIKE JESUS

2

**I must serve without
expecting to be served.**



*"Jesus made himself nothing, taking the
very nature of a servant."*

PHILIPPIANS 2:7

*I will never know the joy of the Lord
until I let the mind of the Master
become the master of my mind.*



PART 4

DESCENDING INTO JOY
