

This week we continue on in Philippians. As we approach Easter, these are such good words to hide in our hearts. How can we not be grateful?

Have you ever had someone to tell you a story that only got more mind boggling as it went on? Did your mouth hang open at the amazing details? This section of Philippians 2 is like that. This week we continue on, seeing details that amaze us, that humble us, that should make us very grateful.

Philippians 2:7

Last week we centered on the fact that Jesus is God and yet we found He was willing to set His Deity aside because He was devoted to His mission. This week the details continue to unfold. Verse 7 begins with **“but made Himself nothing...”** If I was hearing this for the first time, this is where my mouth would hang open at the detail. Jesus is the exact representation of God and not only did He set His nature aside, He made Himself nothing. That is a whole different level, a level of devotion that should humble me and make me very grateful.

You see I have had many people in my life who have set themselves to the side for a time in order to serve or take care of me. I am very blessed. I imagine that you have too. But there is only one who made Himself nothing, Jesus.

Perhaps you have heard this description before. Someone asked Jesus how much do you love me and He stretched out wide His arms and died and said, “This much.” I was thinking of that and also thinking of the two extremes presented here. He was God, one extreme, and He stretched out His arm to the other extreme, nothing, to show us the extent of His love.

This verse goes on to say, He became like one of us, becoming a servant. In fact Matthew 20:28 says, **“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”** You are one of the many. Jesus, God, came to serve you.

Nothing, a servant, like a human, certainly not descriptions for the Son of God. There isn't much else to say. I believe the action speaks for itself. Jesus chose total humility for me, He was that devoted.

I am so grateful,
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