

# The Ultimate Model of Humility

*Phil 2:5-8*

## Intro

- The principle of Prov 15:33
- The context of unity maintained by humble others-centered service 2:1-4
- The hinge Phil 2:5 (looks forward and backward; shifts from exhortation to illustration)

## 3 Expressions of Jesus' Humble Service

### **I. The Humility of his attitude in heaven vs 6**

A. "Form of God" as the inner essence of deity

B. John 1:1-3

### **II. The Humility his incarnation on earth vs 7**

6 statements explaining Jesus' self-emptying

1. He left the throne-room of heavenly worship

2. He allowed his divine glory to be veiled

- John 17:4-5

3. He left the unique face to face fellowship

- John 17:5, 24

4. He gave up the independent use of some divine attributes

5. He took the status of a lowly bond-slave

- Mark 10:45

6. He entered into genuine humanity

- Heb 2:17; 5:8

### **III. The Humility of his obedience unto death on a cross vs 8**

A. He humbled *himself* in death Joh 10:17

B. He became sin's curse for us Gal 3:10,13

**Conclusion** If *Jesus* humbled himself this way to serve, how can we NOT? This unifying humility is the call of every disciple in the church!