

## Sermon Notes – April 21, 2024

### Connecting With Different People – Philippians 2.1-11

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*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being **united with Christ**, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:1-5*

#### 1. UNITY has a FAKE – It's called SAMENESS

- UNITY is a condition that exists only when you have DIFFERENCES

#### 2. UNITY has a PRICE – SACRIFICIAL LOVE that takes HUMILITY to get

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

- The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing

#### 3. UNITY has a REWARD – GOD'S BLESSING

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in **unity!...For there the Lord bestows his blessing. Psalm 133***

- Because I'm here, is our church more or less UNIFIED?