

Sermon Notes for July 29, 2018
Philippians 2:12-30: Giving to the Middle
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It all starts with God.

Why does the Bible mention fearing God? (Proverbs 9:10, Luke 1:50, Luke 12:5, Philippians 2:12)

What happens when man encounters God? (Isaiah 6:1-6)

Woe to me! I cried. I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty. (Isaiah 6:5)

Christ's _____, _____, and _____ (answers: humility, sacrifice, and exaltation) complete the framework for the Good News. (Acts 4:12, Hebrews 9:28, Philippians 2:5-11)

This sets the stage for Philippians, as Christ redefines what we know of service and love.

When we see the greatness, power, and holiness of God, then we can understand the redemptive power of the cross. As we humble ourselves, putting Him first and others second, our service becomes a true act of love and worship. (Mathew 22:37-40, 1 Corinthians 13, Philippians 2)

*“An easy way to tell if you have a servant heart is how you act when you’re treated like a servant.”
(Michael F. Byrd)*

- Paul was greatly encouraging the church at Philippi. (contrast Deuteronomy 31-32)
- Do _____ without grumbling or complaining.
- We are to be known by this: _____. (John 13:35, Philippians 2:12-15, 1 Peter 2:12)
- When we lay down our life (serving/giving without expectation), we truly live. (Matthew 16:25, Luke 11:39-44, Galatians 2:20)

Joy is _____. Fear is _____. Unity is _____. We become _____ to the world.

- When we hold onto _____, joy is exhausted, fear creeps in, unity is broken, and our lights diminish.
- Living this life well requires holding onto the Word of Life. (Philippians 2:16)