

*"Helping people experience the hope  
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus".*

Philippians 2

<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:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature 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 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!

James 4:1

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight...

**Five practical things that will help me have the mindset of Christ to  
strengthen my relationship with others.**

### 1. Humility. V.6

*"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage."*

### 2. Servanthood V.7

*"rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness".*

"Made himself nothing". = "kenosis" (κένωσις),

Servant = dulos. (slave)

### 3. Obedience to God. V.8c

*"by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!"*

#### Obedience in all aspects of life

##### A. Relationships

- Treating others with love, compassion, and respect, following Christ's command to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Practicing forgiveness, reconciliation, and humility in our interactions with family members, friends, colleagues, and even strangers, reflecting Christ's example of grace and mercy.

### 4. Selflessness. V.8b

*"He humbled himself."*

### 5. Equality and Empathy. V.8a *"And being found in appearance as a man"*

Jesus treated all people with dignity, respect, and compassion, regardless of their social status, ethnicity, or background.

Hebrews 2

<sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, (to understand and empathize) in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### Conclusion