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HUMILIATION AND EXALTATION

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Philippians 2:8-9
And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.*

Human beings love exaltation and adoration but loathe humiliation. We do everything we can to protect ourselves from the smallest embarrassment, let alone real humiliation. But when Jesus offered Himself for us on the cross, He revealed the potential power and beauty of humiliation – especially self-humiliation.

Imagine this. The almighty Creator of the uni-

verse squeezed Himself into a tiny, fragile human baby. The Righteous Judge of the universe subjected Himself to a grotesquely corrupted trial and unjust condemnation. The Lord of Life surrendered Himself to a shameful, excruciating death by crucifixion. Why? So He could redeem a fallen, helpless race ...

We stand awestruck as we begin to grasp the majesty and power of humility and self-humiliation. There is something profoundly beautiful about the sacrifice of self for the good of others. In Philippians 2, God uses Jesus' actions to challenge us to practice self-humiliation in our relationships. After a passionate cry for interpersonal unity in verses 1-4, we are encouraged to embrace the mind of Christ as revealed in His humiliation (verse 5). By it, He not only secured eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him, but He also secured the approval and exaltation of God the Father. Therefore, through

self-humiliation we not only accomplish God's purposes, but we secure His favor and blessing.

So, how are you approaching your relationships? Are you willing, like Christ, to subordinate your own desires for the well-being of others? Would you be willing to pursue redemptive relationships by not so much demanding your rights, but by protecting the welfare of others? If you are willing to choose this unpopular path you may discover that you develop better relationships – and secure the approval of God.

As we contemplate the events of Easter over these next several days, may we not only admire Christ's gracious sacrifice, but may we endeavor to emulate Him in our approach to life.

God bless you,

Pastor James

Holy Week: April 2 - 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

APR 4

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

APR 7

In-person at church.
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

APR 16

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

APR 9

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

APR 9

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

- Join us this **Friday at 7 pm** for our **Good Friday Service**. Invite a friend!
- Join us **Sunday @ 11 am** as we **celebrate our Lord's Resurrection!** Invite a friend!
- **No Men's Breakfast this Saturday** because it is the Easter Weekend.
- Living Hope Baptist Church is hosting the movie *Risen* as a free outreach event this Saturday at 12:45 pm at the Hugh's Library in Stroudsburg. Invite a friend and attend this evangelistic event.
- Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be from July 17-21. Be praying how God might use you in this ministry.
- Join us Saturday April 22 as we help our township pick up our streets. Contact Tom for details.
- The Pregnancy Resource Center's Fundraising Banquet is May 11 @ Camelback Resort. Contact Lori for more details.
- If you'd like to be part of the church's refreshment team, please contact Lori Ditaranto for details.
- Clarks Summit University's Lyfe Women's Conference is June 2-3. Contact Sherrill or Becky for more information.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

He is Risen
He is not here,
just like He said

