

# Faith Talk - Feb. 15, 2026

**Series.** Philippians: Together for the Gospel

**Sermon.** Humility: Live Worthy of the Gospel

**Scripture:** Philippians 1:27-2:11

## Philippians 2:3-5

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*

## Sermon Summary

Sunday's sermon (Philippians 1:27-2:11) explored what it means to "live worthy of the Gospel" through the lens of church unity built on individual humility. Paul challenges the Philippian believers, who took great pride in their Roman citizenship, to shift their identity to citizenship in heaven and live accordingly.

The message addresses how differences within the church are not problems to solve but God-ordained means of sanctification, requiring us to set aside personal preferences for the sake of contending together for the Gospel. Paul presents Christ's incarnation as the ultimate example of Gospel-driven humility: Jesus emptied Himself of divine glory, took on human form, and suffered death on a cross, not for His own interests but for the interests of others (salvation).

Living worthy of the Gospel means being unified in purpose for the Gospel, willingly suffering for Christ's sake, seeing opposition to the Gospel as a privilege to embrace rather than a problem to avoid, and adopting Jesus' attitude of selfless humility. A key principle emerges: humility comes before exaltation, both for Christ and for the church.

## Sermon Points

- Is the purpose of Christ's death being accomplished in my life?
- Am I contenting together with the church for the sake of the Gospel?
- Is God growing me in humility?
- Have I adopted the humble attitude of Jesus?
- Have I confessed Jesus as the Lord and my Savior?

## Discussion Questions

### Conversations with Adults

1. The sermon suggests that church imperfections and differences might be God's means of sanctifying us rather than problems that divide. Share a frustration or disappointment with your church that God could be using to develop Christlike humility in you.

2. Paul challenges believers to shift from Roman citizenship to heavenly citizenship as their primary identity. What earthly citizenship, affiliation, or identity competes with your identity as a citizen of heaven? Discuss how this identity affects your priorities,
3. One of the challenging questions from the sermon was, "Is the purpose of Christ's death and resurrection being accomplished in my life?" Share how you respond to that question and if there is an adjustment you need to make in your life.

### **Conversations with Students**

1. Pastor Brian quoted CS Lewis, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less." Share how you see the difference and how this changes your interaction with others, especially when you have a disagreement or conflict.
2. Jesus gave up His glory and took on human form to save us. What's something you could give up or sacrifice to help advance the Gospel among your friends or at school?
3. Paul says believers have been "granted" the privilege to suffer for Christ. Discuss how viewing difficulty or opposition as a privilege rather than a problem changes your perspective.

### **Conversations with Kids**

1. Jesus left heaven to come to earth to save us, even though it was hard. When have you done something hard to help someone else?
2. The sermon talks about Roman citizens being proud of their city. What are you most proud of? How can we be proud of being part of God's family?
3. Jesus didn't think only about Himself—He thought about us. How can you think about others instead of just yourself this week?

## **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the supreme example of humility in Jesus Christ, who emptied Himself of glory, took on human form, and died on a cross for our salvation. We're grateful that living worthy of the Gospel means participating in spreading salvation to others, not just receiving it for ourselves.

We ask for help in shifting our primary identity from earthly citizenship to heavenly citizenship, allowing this to reshape our priorities and purposes. Give us the courage to see the differences and imperfections in the church as Your means of sanctifying us, rather than as problems that divide us. Help us to adopt the same attitude as Christ Jesus.

We commit to pursuing individual humility for the sake of group unity, setting aside personal preferences for Gospel advancement. Help us to think the same way, have the same love, unite in one spirit, and be intent on one purpose, that You would use us to spread the Gospel. May we willingly suffer for Christ's sake, knowing that humility comes before exaltation. In Jesus' name, Amen.