

## Life in the real world...

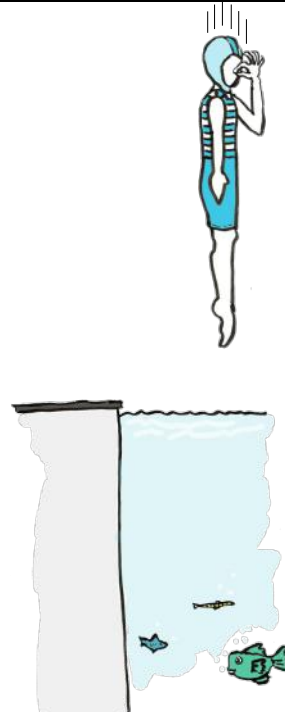
Things in motion tend to... stay in motion  
 But in the real world...  
 things tend to slow down and stop

Sometimes "Sunday morning answers"  
 seem not very helpful in the real world

- Tell the truth...  
 which might bring more conflict or trouble
- Love your enemies... & expose ourselves to pain!
- Consider others above yourselves...

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**Being like Jesus**  
**Philippians 2:1-11**  
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## Paul=The author's purpose

...I will continue with all of you **for your progress and joy in the faith**, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Philippians 1:25-26

**Maturity in Christ and joy  
to the glory of God**

**So that is my goal also**

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## Philippians 2:6-8

Consider the mindset of Christ Jesus:

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did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;

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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**— **Jesus radically**  
**even death on a cross!** **humbled Himself**

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## Philippians 2:9-11

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 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.

We worship Jesus...

- because God the Father exalted Him
- because of Jesus' humility and self-sacrifice

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## Worship requires transformation

Worshiping someone  
 without any real desire to become like them  
 is empty

Claiming and experiencing benefits in Christ  
 brings the obligation to follow Him  
 in real life

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## "since" **Philippians 2:1-4**

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. **This completes God's work in their lives**

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<sup>5</sup> **In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

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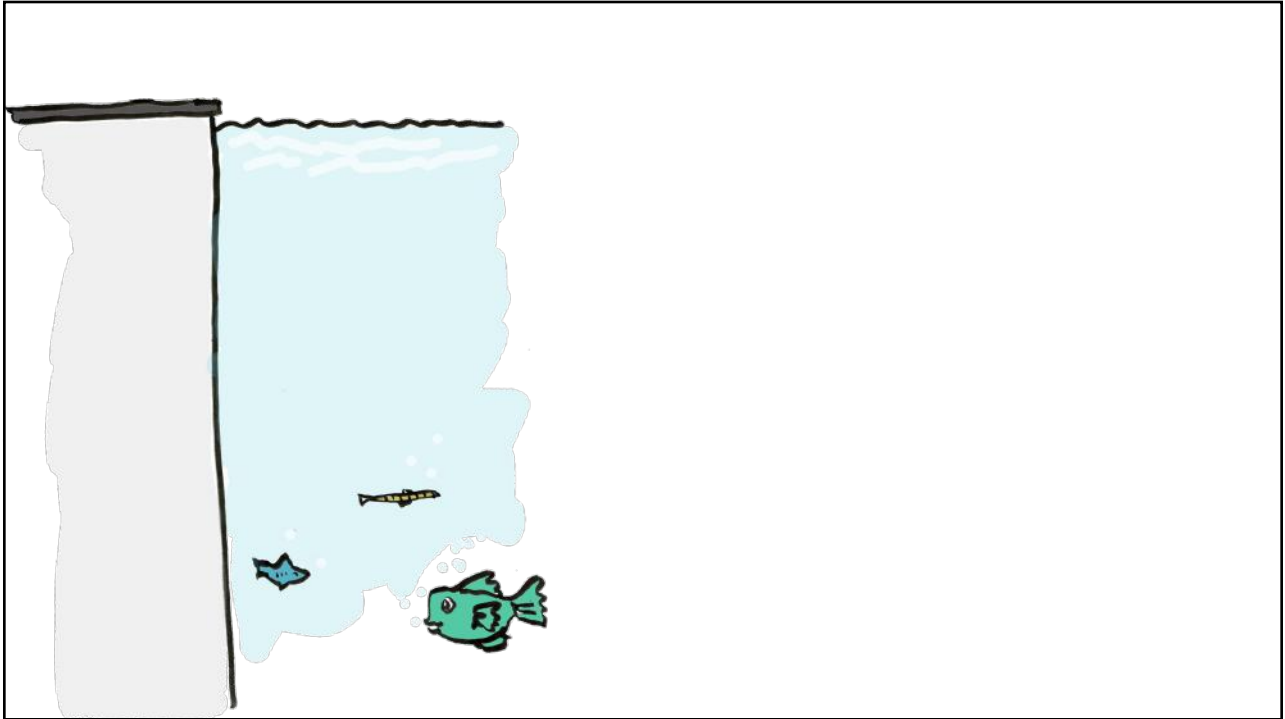
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how Christians must live in relation to others

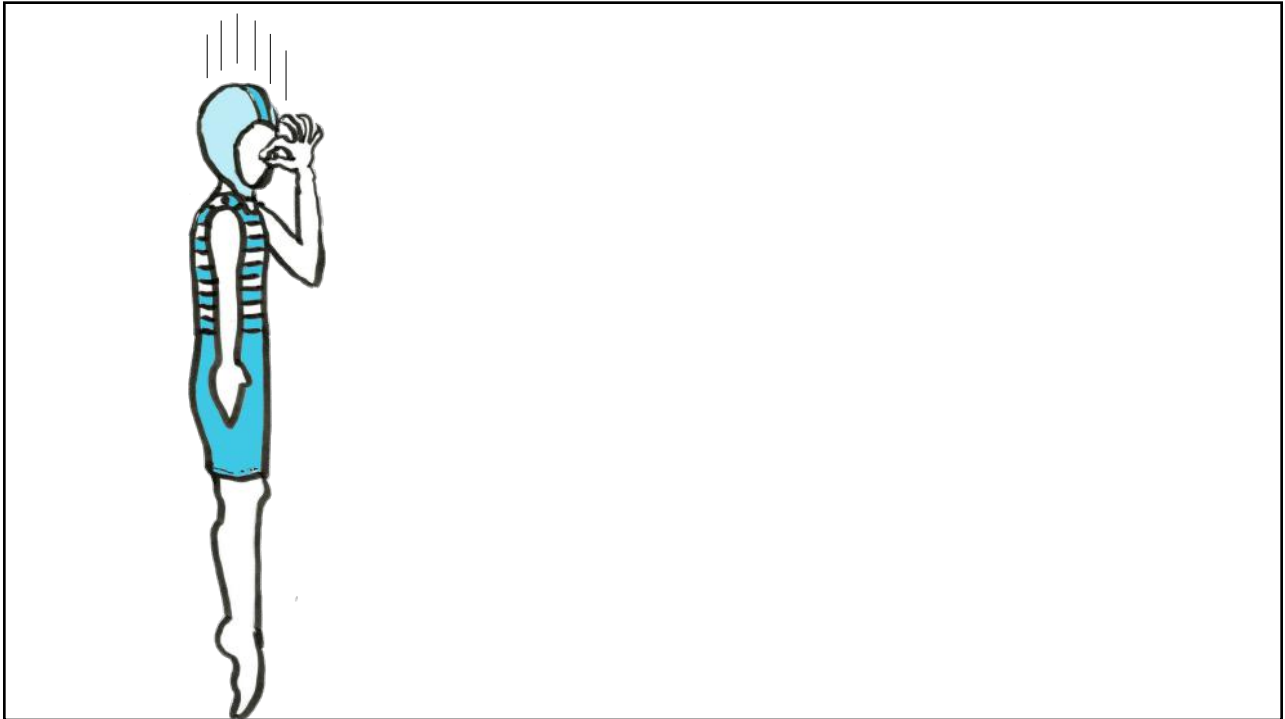
Jesus is presented as the model and motivation  
for our actions in community

Humbly serving others is not optional!

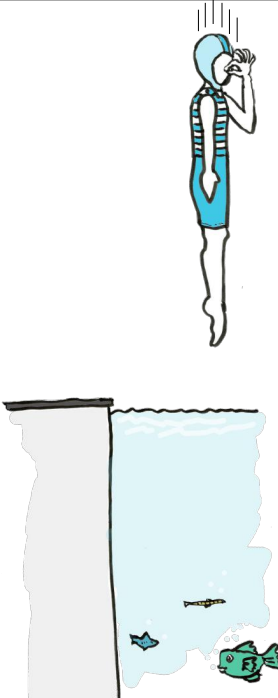
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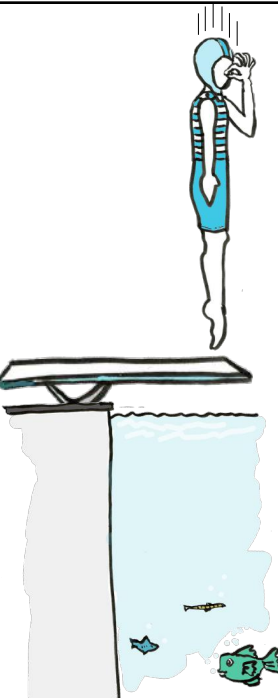


Sin consumes humble people (who consider others above themselves)

- Jesus
- Jesus' followers

Our broken world still consumes humble people

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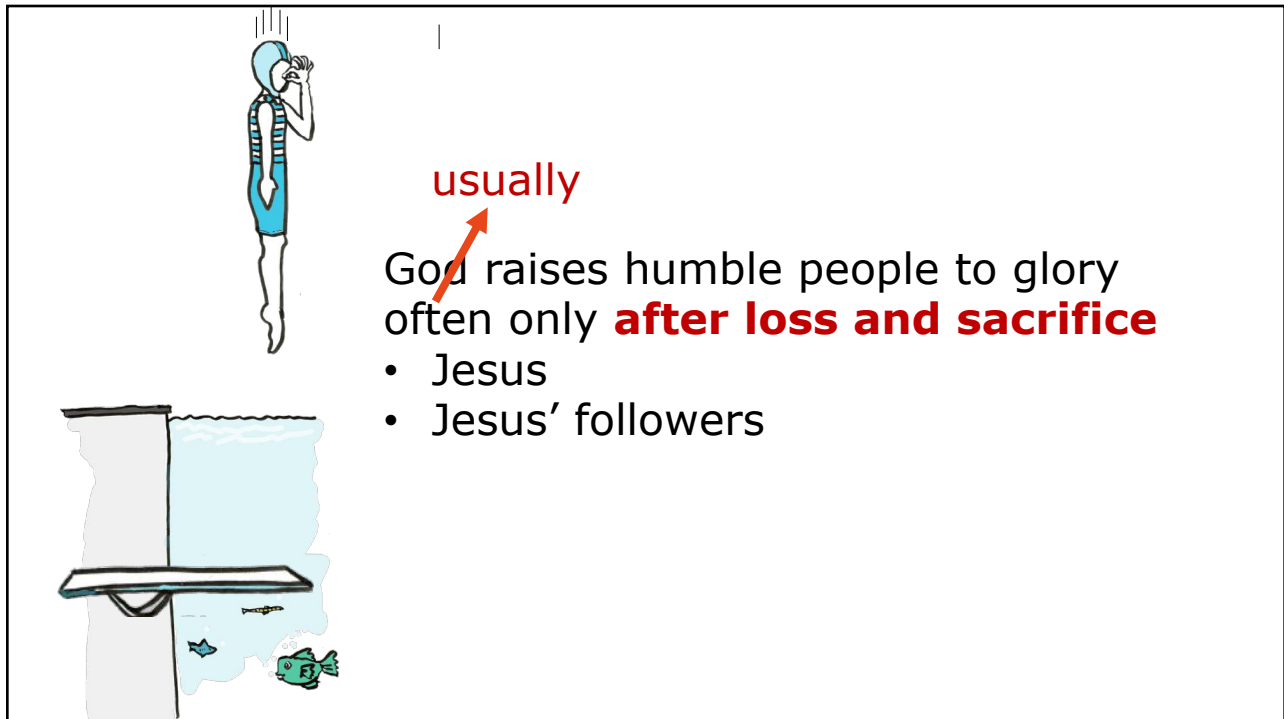


A diving board bounces a diver back up into the air...

God raises humble people to glory

- Jesus
- Jesus' followers

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**Humble yourselves**, therefore,  
under God's mighty hand,  
that **he may lift you up** in due time.  
Cast all your anxiety on him  
**because he cares for you.**

*1 Peter 5:6-7*

We are to humble ourselves  
trusting God to raise us up when He chooses

**Christian humility is a bold act of faith in God**

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## Application

### **Value others above ourselves**

- Hands: serve others, meet needs, be generous
- Heart: empathy, caring, listening, asking
- Head: learning, considering other perspectives
- In every part of life
- Examples in our vision
  - Valuing our differences
- "For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ." *Philippians 2:21*

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## Sin can twist this command to evil

**Not:** "I have no value"

**Not:** "My interests don't matter"

Value others ABOVE self, not INSTEAD of self

- Each one is a child of God
- Each one contributes to God's design
- Each person helps make us who we are together
- All of us need to learn humility
- **Some of us need to learn humble boldness**
  - "Now you are the body of Christ, and **each one of you is a part of it.**" *1 Corinthians 12:27*

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<sup>24</sup> **No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.**

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, **do it all for the glory of God.** <sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— <sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way. For **I am not seeking my own good but the good of many,** so that they may be saved.

*1 Corinthians 10:24, 31-33*

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## Our Vision

To be a church that is  
FOR, OF, and **BY**  
the peoples of many nations

Core value: Diverse unity

**REQUIRES** the mindset of Jesus  
valuing others above ourselves  
**head, heart, and hands**

Whether we are “above” or “below” others

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Oh, to be transformed by the Spirit of God  
to boldly join the path  
to maturity and joy in Christ