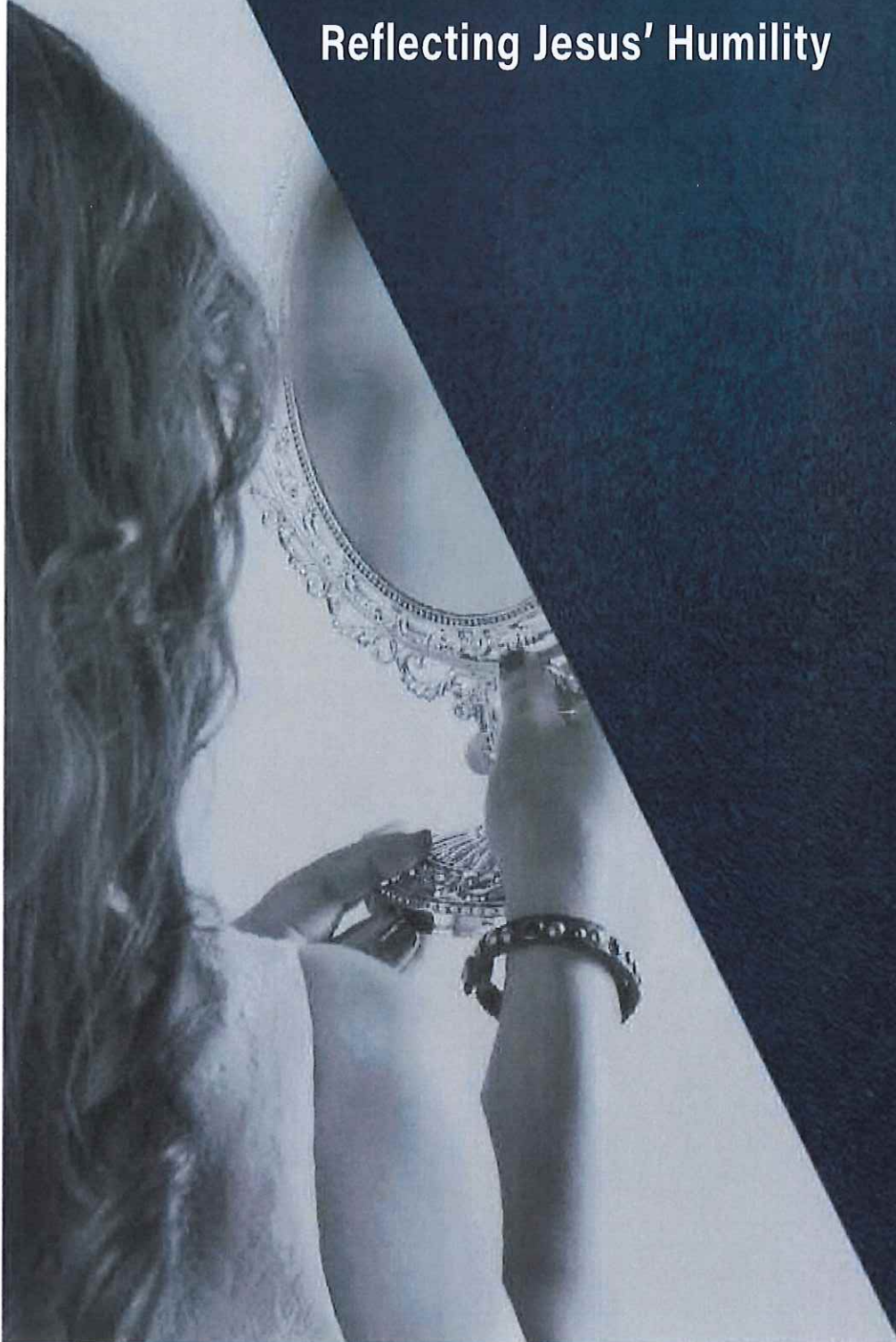


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Philippians 2:5-11

JESUS IS OUR GREAT EXAMPLE AND ROLE MODEL.

- A. We have **human** role models.
- B. We have the **ultimate** role model, Jesus.
 - 1. We are to have Jesus' **mindset**.
 - 2. We are to **apply** Jesus' mindset.

JESUS EXHIBITED THE ULTIMATE HUMILITY.

- A. His **humility** in Heaven.

"The form of God means here His majesty. For as man is known by the appearance of his form, so the majesty which shines forth in God is His figure."

John Calvin

- 1. He **was** Deity.
 - a. **Glory** of God
 - b. **Radiance** of God
 - 2. He **relinquished** Deity.
- B. He chose because of devotion.
 - 1. He **emptied Himself**.
 - a. By taking the **form** of a servant
 - b. By being **born**
 - 2. He **identified** Himself with the human race.
 - C. His ultimate humility in death
 - 1. He **humbled Himself**.
 - 2. He humbled Himself to **death**.

"Christ humbled Himself - not He was humbled. O infinite sublimity, of which it must categorically be true that there was none in Heaven or on earth or in the abyss that could humble Him! He humbled Himself."

Soren Kierkegaard

a. It was a scandalous death.

"For by dying in this way He was not only covered with ignominy in the sight of men, but also accursed in the sight of God. It is assuredly such an example of humility as ought to absorb the attention of all men; it is impossible to explain it in words suitable to its greatness."

John Calvin

b. His death is the ultimate example.

JESUS WAS GIVEN THE ULTIMATE EXALTATION.

A. God responded to Jesus in two ways.

1. God exalted Jesus to the highest place.
2. God gives Jesus a Name above all Names.

"Jesus does not force God's hand...Instead, God initiated the exaltation of Jesus and 'freely' gave to Him the most superior of names."

Paul Feinberg

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?