

Week 4: Jesus’ Values: Humility, Compassion, Obedience, Sacrificial Love
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Who Is Jesus?

- The Word made flesh and the source of life and light (John 1:1–5, 10, 14)
- Has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18)
- The Beginning and the End – the Author and Finisher – the Lion and the Lamb – the First and the Last

1. Humility – A modest view of one’s value or importance

- *What does humility look like to you in daily life?*
- *Why is this trait of Jesus so important & why should we be humble as well?*
- Jesus humbled Himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:5–10)
- He became “lower than the angels” to suffer death for humanity (Hebrews 2:9)
- True greatness comes through childlike humility (Matthew 18:1–4)
 - *Why do we feel like Jesus used this example? What’s so “great” about a child?*

2. Compassion – Mercy and concern for the suffering of others

- Compassion makes a difference (Jude 1:22)
 - *How has someone’s compassion impacted your life?*
 - *How can showing compassion strengthen our walk with God?*
- Jesus showed compassion through action (Luke 7:12–14)
- The Good Samaritan demonstrates love through practical help (Luke 10:30–37)
- God Himself shows compassion and mercy (Micah 7:18–19)

3. Obedience – Willingness to comply with God’s will

- Jesus was obedient even unto death (Philippians 2:8)
- He prayed, “Not my will, but Yours” (Luke 22:41–44)
- Obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22–23)
- We are called to be doers of the Word (James 1:22–25)
 - *When has obedience been difficult for you?*
 - *What was the outcome of choosing obedience?*

4. Sacrificial Love – Giving up something valuable for a greater purpose

- Jesus’ death was the ultimate act of sacrificial love (Hebrews 9:22)
- His sacrifice was part of God’s redemptive plan
- Believers are called to present themselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1–2)
 - *How can we demonstrate sacrificial love in everyday decisions?*

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Who Was Jesus?

John 1:1-5 (10)(14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

The same was in the beginning with God

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made

In him was life; and the life was the light of men

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not

(10) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not

(14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us

Matthew 28:18

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth

The beginning and the end - The author and the finisher - The lion and the lamb - The first and the last

Humility

The quality of having a modest view of one's value or importance

What does humility look like to you?

Why is this trait of Jesus so important & why should we be humble as well?

Philippians 2:5-10

- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus
- Made himself of no reputation (abased himself, lowered his status)
- Took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men
 - God is a spirit and he had to have a vessel to dwell in
- He humbled himself, because obedient unto death of the cross

Hebrews 2:9

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man

Matthew 20:25-28

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying,
Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the
midst of them,

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and
become as little children, ye shall not enter into the
kingdom of heaven

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little
child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven

Matthew 18:1-4

Humility

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven

Why do we feel like Jesus used this example?
What's so "great" about a child?

Compassion

Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

To love - have mercy - have tender affection

Jude 1:22 - And of some have compassion, making a difference

Can somebody tell of a time where you were shown compassion and it made a difference?

How can showing compassion help our walk with God?

Hebrews 5:1-2

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity

Jesus was our example of compassion. How was that put into action?

Compassion

Luke 7:12-14 - Compassion leads to action

- When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her
- Having compassion on people causes us to leap into action
- If we have compassion and love for others then we won't be able to sit back

Luke 10:30-37 - The Priest, the Levite & the Samaritan

- The traveller fell among thieves, was stripped of his possessions, his clothing and was left half dead
- The priest and the Levite both saw the man, but left him there
- Was it too much work for them to try and restore that man? Did they have compassion?
- The Samaritan man saw him and had compassion on him
 - Bound up his wounds (pouring in oil and wine)
 - Set him on his own beast, brought him to an inn and took care of him

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea

Micah 7:18-19

Obedience

Complying or willing to comply

Who likes to be obedient? It's against our nature

This is a trait that we have to work on in our lives. Obedience goes right along with faith, hope & love

Philippians 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross

Luke 22:41-44 - Not my will, but thine

- Jesus knew his purpose and what had to be done
- He was both spirit and flesh so he still had to overcome the nature of the flesh
- And being in agony he prayed more earnestly
 - Agony: struggle for victory, of severe mental struggles and emotions
- **Can you imagine the struggle of facing the cross?**
- **What would've happened if he called for the angels to come get him and not shed his blood?**

Tell us of a time where obedience became uncomfortable?

What was the result in you being obedient?

Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22-23

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

- The commandment was to utterly destroy the Amalekites. Everything
- Saul spared the king Agag, the best of the sheep, the oxen, the lambs. He wasn't obedient

James 1:22-25

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Sacrificial Love

An act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy

How can we demonstrate sacrificial love towards others?

How big of an impact do we think that can make in their lives?

The whole purpose of Jesus being born was to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world

- Revelations says that he was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world
- It was ordained and it had to happen according to the law
- Hebrews 9:22 - without shedding of blood there is no remission (for sins)

It was prophesied throughout the old testament on his coming and how he would bring deliverance to his people.

He had to be the ransom for our sins and he paid the price on calvary with his blood

What better example of sacrificial love than Jesus sacrificing himself on the cross? There isn't one

Sacrificial Love

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- Presenting ourselves as holy and acceptable is also a sacrifice of love
- Though it's not shedding blood. It's an act of love to want to please him
- There are things that we do and don't do in this life out of our convictions

Give an example of how we can demonstrate sacrificial love through our life choices?

Any other questions?