8-10-25 **LIVING COUNTER-CULTURAL**

**Humility OVER Self-Promotion**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very natureGod, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very natureof a servant, being made in human likeness.*

Phil 2:5-6 (NIV)

 **IS IN CHRIST, NOT PERFORMANCE**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Eph 2:10 (ESV)

*Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.* Eph 1:4 (NLT)

*Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.*  Rom 12:3 (NLT)

**CHOOSING SERVANTHOOD IN A CULTURE OF SELF**

1. **TRUE GREATNESS IS FOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_\_**

*But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*  Mark 10:43-45 (NLT)

*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*

 John 13:14-15 (ESV)

*For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*  Gal 5:13 (NLT)

*The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.* Matt 23:11-12 (ESV)

1. **GOD HONORS NOT SELF-PROMOTION**

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*-Prov 3:34

 James 4:6 (NIV)

*Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.* Prov 27:2 (ESV)

*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time,*

 1 Peter 5:6 (AMP)

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled [before others], and he who habitually humbles himself (keeps a realistic self-view) will be exalted.”* Luke 14:11 (AMP)

1. **INSTEAD OF CLIMBING OVER THEM**

*Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.* Prov 12:25 (NLT)

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.* Rom 12:10 (NIV)

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

 Phil 2:3-4 (NIV)

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,*

1 Thes 5:11 (ESV)