

PERSPECTIVE SHIFT

A Humble Life

Pastor Brad Howard - August 3, 2025

My prayer for you:

- That you would begin to see the world around you through God's eyes.
- That you would begin each day in the Word of God and prayer.
- That you would become a builder of people as you exemplify servant leadership to a broken world.

"Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is the first duty and the highest virtue of mankind, and the root of every other virtue. And so pride, or the loss of this humility, is the root of every sin and evil." — Andrew Murray, *Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness*

THE THREE QUALITIES OF SERVANT LEADERS

1. THEY HAVE A HEART FOR PEOPLE

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, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 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.

[Philippians 2:1-4 NIV](#)

When he (Paul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

[Acts 9:26-27 NIV](#)

"If you love deeply, you're going to get hurt badly. But it's still worth it."

- C.S. Lewis

2. THEY HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

[Philippians 2:5-6 NIV](#)

Jesus, Others, You

Humility that's put into practice has the power to unlock tremendous potential in others.

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3. THEY HAVE THE HANDS OF JESUS

(Jesus) . . . made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

[Philippians 2:7-8 NIV](#)

So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him.

[John 13:4-5 NLT](#)

And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

[John 13:14-15 NLT](#)

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 10:45 NLT](#)