

## **The Power of Partnership, part 7**

### **Team Spirit -- March 22, 2009**

...in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. -- Philippians 2:3b-4 [p. 1162]\*

#### **Humility is the attitude of** \_\_\_\_\_

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>5</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, 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 and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
-- Philippians 2:5-11 [p. 1162]

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. -- Colossians 1:15 [p. 1165]

**Why would we** \_\_\_\_\_?

#### **1. Because** \_\_\_\_\_

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." -- Mark 9:35 [p. 1001]

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. -- John 1:10 [p. 1049]

They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. -- Matthew 27:30 [p. 988]

Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"  
-- Matthew 27:39-40 [p. 988]

#### **2. Because** \_\_\_\_\_

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. -- Matthew 23:12 [p. 981]

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. <sup>24</sup> They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'" -- Isaiah 45:22-24a [p. 723]

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. -- Hebrews 12:2 [p. 1193]

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.  
-- Hebrews 11:6 [p. 1192]

\*Numbers in brackets refer to pages of the Bibles in the seat racks