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Many relationships are under constant stress and fatigue. Fortunately, Jesus provides us wisdom showing us how to rethink the way we live among — and interact with — friends, coworkers, neighbors, strangers, and even family.

Group Discussion

Getting started: The last time you were in a group photo, who was the first person you looked at?

1. Read ***Philippians 2:1-8***. Behind every *successful* relationship are two people trying to put the other first. Behind almost every *struggling* relationship are two people trying to put themselves first. Do you agree with these statements? Can you think of examples where you have seen or experienced both of these?
2. Read ***Philippians 2:3-4***. How would you define selfish ambition? How would you define conceit? Why are selfish ambition and conceit toxic in a relationship?
3. How would you define humility? How can you cultivate humility in your life?
4. Always consider the other person the most important person in the room. Who is someone you know that does this well? How did Jesus model this for us? Read ***Philippians 2:5-8***.
5. We often hesitate to sacrifice first in a relationship because it feels like we're losing. But the truth is, if you don't want the other person to win, you'll lose the relationship. When have you experienced this? When has someone put you first, even when you didn't deserve it?

Next Steps

- What is one selfless thing you can do for someone you love this week?

Resources

- *Made for People* by Justin Whitmel Earley

Next Week

We will continue our sermon series *The Thing About Relationships* by learning how to *Be Aware, Less Oblivious*.

- **Jasper:** 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. EDT.
- **Loogootee:** 9 and 10:30 a.m. EDT.
- **Tell City:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. CDT.

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