

**Hope and Joy in the Midst of Adversity**  
**“Hardship: Do I Whine or Obey?”: It’s a Matter of Humility**  
**Philippians 2:1-30 (page 815)**

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**Humility:** The ability to maintain a realistic view of who we are, but without arrogance – it is the antithesis of pride.

**In the midst of adversity, an attitude of humility will...**

- **get my focus off of myself (vs 1-4)**
  - I am to be committed to unity in the church
    - √ In how I think (vs 1-2)
    - √ In how I act (vs 3-4)
- **get my focus on Jesus (vs 5-11)**
  - His example reminds me:
    - √ To think realistically about myself (vs 6-7)
    - √ To humbly obey God’s will (v 8)
    - √ To let God vindicate me (vs 9-11)
- **keep my priorities aligned with God’s will (vs 12-18)**
  - I am to continue to progress in my faith by:
    - √ Taking care of my responsibilities and trusting God’s enablement (vs 12-13)
    - √ Letting my life reflect God’s work in me (vs 14-18)
- **compel me to choose service over selfishness (vs 19-24)**
  - That requires that I be more concerned about the welfare of others than about my own personal desires.
- **move me to sacrificial commitment for the benefit of others (vs 25-30)**
  - As I am available to serve Jesus, I then serve others, even at the possibility of my own peril.

**Bringing it home...**

In the midst of adversity, humble obedience in serving others will fortify our hope and bring lasting joy to our lives.