

# Philippians 2:3-4

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of humility and putting others before ourselves, as seen in Philippians 2:3-4.*

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:3

**Topics:** "Humility", "Selflessness"

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## Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes the message of Philippians 2:3-4, urging believers to practice humility and selflessness in their daily lives. He challenges the congregation to move beyond mere words of humility and to genuinely esteem others above themselves, recognizing that circumstances could easily reverse roles. Through a personal story of witnessing a rickshaw driver's struggle, he illustrates the importance of empathy and the grace of God that keeps us from similar hardships. The sermon calls for a transformation in how we view and treat others, encouraging a lifestyle that prioritizes the interests of others over our own.

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## Transcript

Philippians 2:3-4 tells us, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

How does that translate into our lives? We can say with our lips, "I am small," but in our minds we are big. We have our education, our position and our possessions. We can look at someone and say, "This person is more important than I am" all we want. But we must live that out, demonstrating humility, if we are to be changed.

In dealing with others, it helps if we realize that we could be in another's situation. If it weren't for the grace of God, that beggar on the street could be me.

In the late 1960s when I was in Rajasthan, we would hire three-wheel rickshaw taxis to get us around. The passengers would sit on the back seat with their luggage, while the rickshaw driver would sit on the front seat and peddle. For two hours of peddling, a driver would commonly receive about 10 rupees (equivalent to about 20 U.S. cents).

One day, I was riding in a rickshaw on my way to a meeting. It was the middle of summer, and the heat was overwhelming. As I sat in the back seat of the rickshaw, I watched my driver. He was an old man, all skin and bones, the veins in his neck bulging from the strain and the heat. He had no shirt on, and sweat poured down his body. "This is terrible!" I thought to myself. Here was this old man peddling so hard to get me up this huge hill, in the middle of the summer heat. Certainly I had much more strength than he. I said to myself, "If it were not for the grace of God, I would be doing this job."

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