

Advent 3: “He Emptied Himself”: Phil 2:1-11

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Covenant Church
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Third Sunday in Advent

Phil 2:1-11

1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I. Introduction

Bono, U2

II. Status, Especially Work

III. Astounded When...

- A. Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)
- B. Bonaventure (1221-1274)
- C. Damien of Molokai (1840-1889)
- D. Vincent Labbe (1877-1940)
- E. Queen Margaret (1046-1093)

IV. God's Love

Augustine, Sermon 191

Eugene Peterson's son

"Reckless Love"

Question: What is one thing that God may have said to you through this sermon?