

“Answering the IF”

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I. What if we were unified?

Philippians 2:1-2

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

I. What if we were unified?

**A. We are unified through
encouragement.**

***“You are my lifeline, you are my
rescue, strength in my weakness,
light in my darkness. You are my
safety, lifter of my head, the air that
I need when I can’t seem to breathe
in, You are my lifeline.”***

I. What if we were unified?

B. We are unified through comfort.

I. What if we were unified?

**C. We are unified through
fellowship with His Spirit.**

I. What if we were unified?

**D. We are unified through
tenderness and compassion.**

II. What if we were humble?

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

II. What if we were humble?

A. What humility is not . . .

II. What if we were humble?

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- 1. Humility is not selfish ambition.**

Your purpose is not yours.

II. What if we were humble?

A. What humility is not . . .

2. Humility is not vain conceit.

Vain conceit is wanting people to think that you are something more than you believe yourself to be.

II. What if we were humble?

A. What humility is not . . .

**3. Humility is not looking only to
your own interests.**

II. What if we were humble?

A. What humility is . . .

- 1. Humility is considering others better than yourself.**

II. What if we were humble?

A. What humility is . . .

2. Humility is looking to the interests of others.

III. What if we had an example?

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

**IV. What if God responded to unity
and humility?**

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.