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“Being Like a Servant”

Dismantling Racism: Council of Bishops Lenten Devotional Series
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Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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

Key points:

- This scripture gives us insight into the nature of Jesus as fully God and fully human and teaches us how we are to live as followers of Jesus.
- As Christians we can dismantle racism by being a servant like Jesus in the following ways:
 - Be willing to give up our privileges for others
 - Becoming less so that others can become more
- During this lent we follow the way of Christ by declaring ourselves, “Dead to racism and alive in Christ!”

Questions for contemplation:

1. In what way can you be more like Christ in the work of dismantling racism?
2. What beliefs, privileges and rights are you willing to give up to pursue racial equity?
3. Are you willing to fully submit to God, being obedient to the command to love your neighbor?

Journal Prompt: What is God saying to you through this week’s devotion?
