



Sharing God's Abundance in Love!

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Day 10—Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Prayer Focus—CtK Pastors & Church Leaders

Abundant Grace

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

I love to watch a show on the science channel called, "How the Universe Works". The show is nerdy, yes, but isn't nerdy the new cool? They describe and explain how all the things found in our solar system, galaxy and universe exist; I mean the science and physics of it. I find it so fascinating! For example, how the nuclear fusion of a star is constantly forcing out from its center, but the massive gravity of the star is holding it back in, all in perfect balance burning for billions of years! Cool, right? And there are 100 billion stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way, alone. And there are billions of galaxies. They have an answer or theory for everything. But the most mysterious part is how it all started – the Big Bang? They aren't sure what this was except that it happened.

Recently my son shared a worship song with me: "So Will I" by Hillsong United. If you are reading this digitally, you may listen [here](#). The song beautifully describes how God spoke and created the universe. And continues describing the development of life on earth, the oceans, mountains and animals, and you get the sense of God's enormity, infinity – just how big he is.

This is who the apostle Paul is writing about in his letter to the Philippians; Jesus Christ as God, the creator and heir of the entire universe. The One with all the rights of God. But he lays down all those rights – he gives up his rights as God, on a hill he created, nailed to a cross made from wood that he created, by men that he created, in order that each of us might find our life in him; the eternal life meant for each of us. It's the whole story of the bible; this huge God that makes the whole universe work, lays it all down so he can win your heart – yes, your heart.

Let's make some of the song lyrics our prayer: "God of salvation, you chased down my heart, through all of my failure and pride. And as you speak, a hundred billion failures disappear –where you lost your life so I could find it here. If you left the grave behind you, so will I. I can see your heart in everything you've done: every part designed in a work of art called love. If you gladly chose surrender, so will I. I can see your heart 8 billion different ways: every precious one—a child you died to save. If you gave your life to love them so will I."

Lord we pray also for our pastors and church leaders who consistently say, "If you gave your life to love them, so will I." Amen

Phillip Brooks



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