



**Philippians 2:5–8 (The Message)**

**5** Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. **6** He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. **7** Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!* **8** Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

*The highest and best use of a human life – to have it serve as a signpost that points people to God.*

