

# Experiencing God: Submission

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## Outline

Listen to the song: Dance with My Father by Luther Vandross (If you'd like to see the

## The Benefits of Submission

Philippians 2:1-8.

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

*<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset (attitude) (1984 NIV) as Christ Jesus:*

*<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped (used to his own advantage; New NIV);*

*<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

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## I. ATTITUDE

*"Who, being in very nature God," (vs. 6)*

*"rather, he made himself nothing" (vs. 7)*

*"by taking the very nature of a servant," (vs. 8).*

*"being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man," vss. 7-8)*

*"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! (vs. 8)*

Definition of submission:

It is out of a position of power, strength, dignity, knowing you are a son or daughter of God, with a vast array of rights, knowing you are royalty, you voluntarily put the needs of other above our own out of love.

A Cross-Life

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*"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."*

Mark 8:34-35.

## II. ALL!

*"Therefore if you" (vs. 1-2)*

Four Identifiers:

Ephesians 5

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*

I John 4:10-11.

*"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (vs. 21)*

*"love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. (Ephesians 5:25)*

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*"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

*But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." James 3:13-18*

*(Talking to the younger men) "In the same way, be submissive to those who are older." Then he adds....All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." 1 Peter 5:5*

## III. ACTION

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

(vs. 2-4)

Herb Keller

*"Thanks Herb for remembering every one of our names, for supporting the Ronald McDonald House, for helping to load bags on Thanksgiving, for giving everyone a kiss and I mean everyone, for listening, for running the only profitable major airline, for singing at the holiday party, for singing only once a year, for letting us wear shorts and sneakers to work, for golfing at the LUV Classic with just one club, for out talking Sam Donaldson, for riding your Harley into Southwest Headquarters, for being a friend and not just a boss. Happy Bosses Day! From the 16,000 employees of Southwest." ~Bosses Day 1994 in the USA Today*

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## ***Dance with My Father*** by Luther Vandross

Back when I was a child  
Before life removed all the innocence  
My father would lift me high  
And dance with my mother and me  
And then spin me around 'til I fell asleep  
Then up the stairs he would carry me  
And I knew for sure I was loved  
If I could get another chance  
Another walk, another dance with him  
I'd play a song that would never ever end  
How I'd love, love, love  
To dance with my father again

When I and my mother will disagree  
To get my way I would run from her to him  
He'd make me laugh just to comfort me, yeah, yeah  
Then finally make me do just what my mama says  
Later that night when I was asleep  
He left a dollar under my sheet  
Never dreamed that he would be gone from me  
If I could steal one final glance  
One final step, one final dance with him  
I'd play a song that will never, never end  
'Cause I'd love, I'd love to dance with my father again

Sometimes I'd listen outside her door  
And I'd hear how my mama cried for him  
I pray for her even more than me  
I pray for her even more than me

I know I'm praying for much too much  
But could you send back the only man she loved  
I know you don't do it usually  
But dear Lord, she's dying  
To dance with my father again  
Every night I fall asleep  
And this is all I ever dream