

## **Push & Pull: Embracing the Tensions of Our Faith**

Week Four: The Rhythm of YES & NO

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In order to say YES to the things God's man is called into he:

**Says no to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to say yes to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many." - Matthew 20:28*

Our world wrongly believes that success is measured in how much we are "served" but God's man knows it is how much he "serves" that is the measure of a man. It's counter-cultural!

**"But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them..... and they can't understand it....." – 1 Corinthians 2:14**

**The true nature of serving: we \_\_\_\_\_, that another might \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jesus Christ **DESCENDED** that we might be **LIFTED UP**....

Jesus Christ **BECAME SIN** that we might be **WASHED CLEAN OF IT**....

Jesus Christ **GAVE HIMSELF AWAY** that we might be **RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS**....

....in short Jesus **LOST** that we might **WIN!**

Christ gave us the ultimate example of service in His death on the cross, but He was modeling this for his boys (and us) long before that day....

**Read John 13:4-5**

Why was Jesus able to serve so freely? How could he choose such humility?

Verse 3 ***"Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up...."***

**Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, he was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Read Matthew 6:19-21**

God's man has decided that only God's opinion matters....that his only true joy is serving the King and that....oftentimes.....

Our greatest opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Matthew 20:25-28

Jesus doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ greatness, he \_\_\_\_\_ it.

God's man says NO to his own \_\_\_\_\_, in order to say YES to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Philippians 2:5 – We don't need more people willing to \_\_\_\_\_ into influence, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ into service.

In order to say NO to \_\_\_\_\_, God's man says YES to \_\_\_\_\_.

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” – James 4:6

God's man says NO to \_\_\_\_\_, and YES to \_\_\_\_\_.

Saying \_\_\_\_\_ to culture, always means saying \_\_\_\_\_ to people.

God's man says NO to \_\_\_\_\_, in order to submit to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **For Discussion:**

1. Where is God calling you to “step down” into service? What steps do you need to take today in obedience?
2. Our world's celebration of ego, accomplishment and pride is pervasive. How can we practically choose humility? How does this play out in our relationships?
3. God's Man will follow the Lamb “wherever he goes” is there somewhere Jesus is calling you today that scares you? How can you step into that fear in faith?