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Epistles

Philippians 2.3-4

Greetings Mt. View friends,

I hope you are healthy, well, and learning to 'go to school' in new and different ways!

As I write to you, I'm wondering, when was the last time you were in an argument? Maybe it was today... maybe it was yesterday or earlier this week. Maybe you got upset with your sibling for annoying you or with your parents for telling you something you had to do when you didn't want to. We all get in arguments sometimes. Especially when we live together— even though we love each other— we can get in arguments! But what sets us apart as Christians is how we behave *even when we get upset or angry.*

In one of those early Christian letters in the Bible, Paul wrote: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

Pause for a minute and talk with your family about some of the big words Paul used. What is "selfish ambition?" What is humility? How are those things different?

Being humble is the opposite of being selfish. Being humble means that we remember other peoples' needs and are willing to put them before our own wants and needs.

Jesus is the best example we have of someone who was humble. Even though he is the Son of God, he died on the cross to forgive all people.

Especially when we get upset or angry or frustrated, we can look to the example of Jesus and remember to be humble. After all, our needs aren't the only important ones! And sometimes, we get so caught up in what we want, that we forget to hear about what others need.

So when you get upset or frustrated— like we all sometimes do— remember that Jesus teaches us to be humble. When we are humble, we can remember to see other people and what they need too.

Until next time, the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

Pastor Bri