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Message: "Serving God"
Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

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3. **"Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped . . ."** *(Phillipians 2:5,6)*
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