

# Phil. 2.1-8

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<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being likeminded, 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 as Christ Jesus:

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

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

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1.27 ... I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, striving together as one (soul) for the faith of the gospel...

# Phil 2.3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

# Selfish ambition

- properly, work done merely for hire (as a mercenary)
- •Ancient Greek uses *eritheía* of acting for one's *own gain*, regardless of the strife it causes.

### Conceit

• kenodoxia is, in Greek, the combination of kenosis which means "empty" and doxos which usually is understood as "honor."

# Humility

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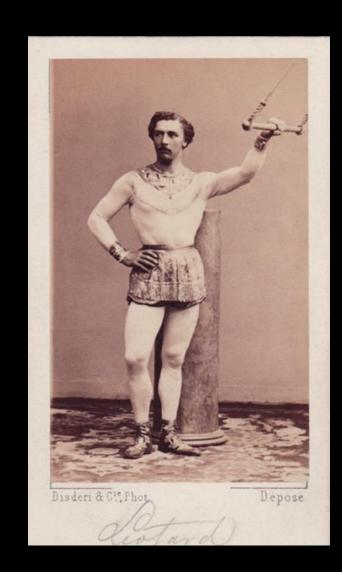
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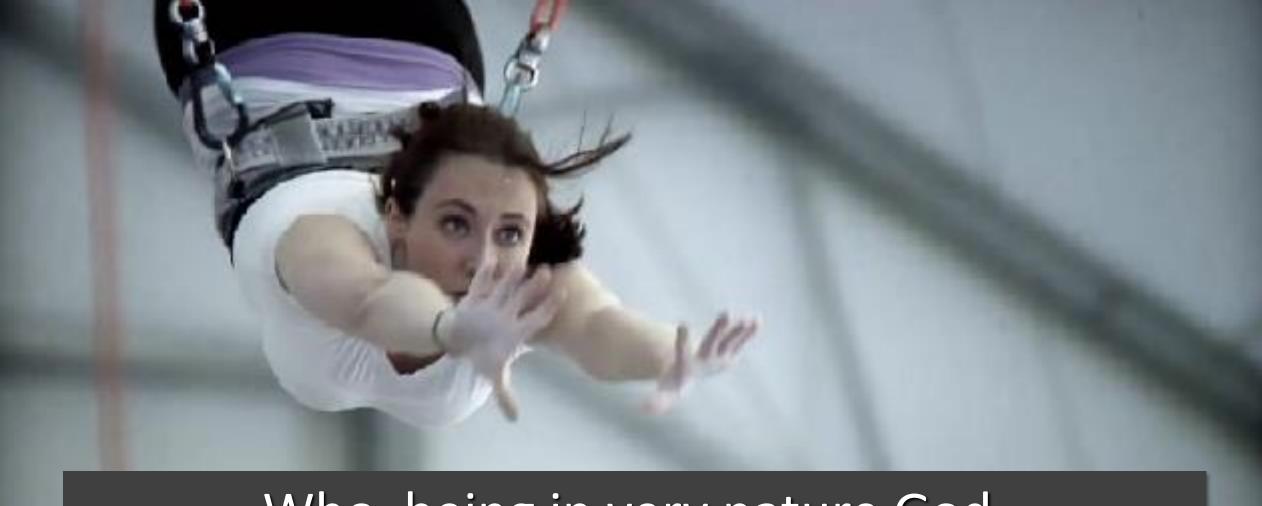
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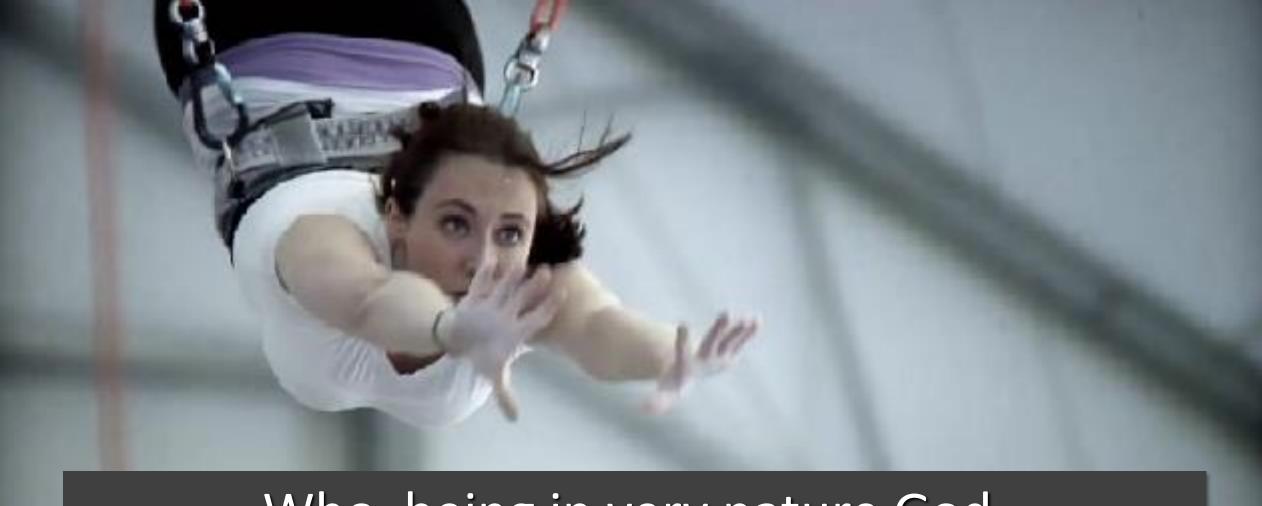
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"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen 3.5)



When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she <u>took</u> some and ate it. (Gen 3.6)



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### Phil. 2:7

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

# "he made himself nothing"

- Kenodoxia
- ekenosen made himself nothing (emptied himself)

# taking the very nature of a servant

doulos

# Phil. 2:8

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

• The one who had it all, let go of it all so that we could quit trying to hold onto things that our hands can't grasp.

• In Jesus, God became human so that humans could quit trying to be God.





