

## *Sermon Notes*

### *Road to Jericho*

“Getting Outside Ourselves – Fighting Narcissism from Within”

Philippians 2:4-11

#### I. City on a Hill.

##### A. Analysis of postmodern culture.

###### 1. The twin towers.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. Upwardly mobile

###### 1. Upward and outward vs. downward and demotion.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Main Text: Philippians 2:4-11

###### 1. Philippians 1:21.

##### B. Exegesis

###### 1. Note verses 5-6.

a. What Jesus is not.

b. What He is.

c. “Form of God.”

1. Greek word is *morphe*.

a. Hebrews 1:3

d. Equality.

1. Greek is *isos*.

#### C. The seven demotions.

1. Demotion #1: Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.

2. Demotion #2: *kenosis* – Emptied Himself.

3. Demotion #3, #4, #5: The miracle of the incarnation.

a. #3 Appearance of a man.

b. #4 Likeness of a man.

c. #5 Became a bondservant.

4. Demotion #6: Humbled Himself to the point of death.

5. Demotion #7: Death of a cross.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. The best selling books in this country, both inside and outside the church, are the rags to riches stories. Bottom to the top.

It is depths to the heights. Rags to riches.

**But not so among us.**