**What’s Next?** **Part 5           Pastor David King**

**The Passion of Paul**

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG) **19-23**Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it!

1. **His Passion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

(Philippians 2:1-8 MSG)  **1-4**If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

**5-8**Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human*! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

1. **His passion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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1. **His passion established his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

(1 Corinthians 9:21 MSG) I didn’t take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ.

1. **His passion challenged him to get out of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and enter into their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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