

# LWML Texas District

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Meditation

## Leadership

Children in a Sunday school class were playing a game about Palm Sunday. The children were taking turns being Jesus and the donkey He rode. The game consisted of children taking turns sitting on a rolling chair pulled by the “donkey” while the other students waved their palm branches yelling, “Hosanna in the highest!”

All of the children cheered and begged to play the part of Jesus. One third grader called out, “I want to be Jesus until the whole part where He dies a horrible death.” Does this apply to you? Do you want to be in control, powerful, respected, or the leader of the group? But do you take into the account the sacrifices it takes to be the leader?

We have all known leaders who are subpar, and hopefully some quality leaders as well. The best leaders listen to their people, gauge the cost to the group when it comes to goals and direction, take the blame for failures with humility, and encourage those in their care to do their best.

Jesus was the perfect leader. He knew His Father’s plans. He knew which men to call to follow Him. He knew how things would end with both His death and resurrection. Jesus gave His all for us. There is no amount of sacrificing we could ever do to match His sacrifice. Jesus’ humility and faithfulness to God’s plan can be a lesson for us to follow.

*So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:1–11).*

As we all lead in our various capacities in our lives, whether it be in our homes, churches, family, career, or volunteer work, may we strive to lead like Christ with humility, compassion, and thoughtfulness for the sake of the Gospel.

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