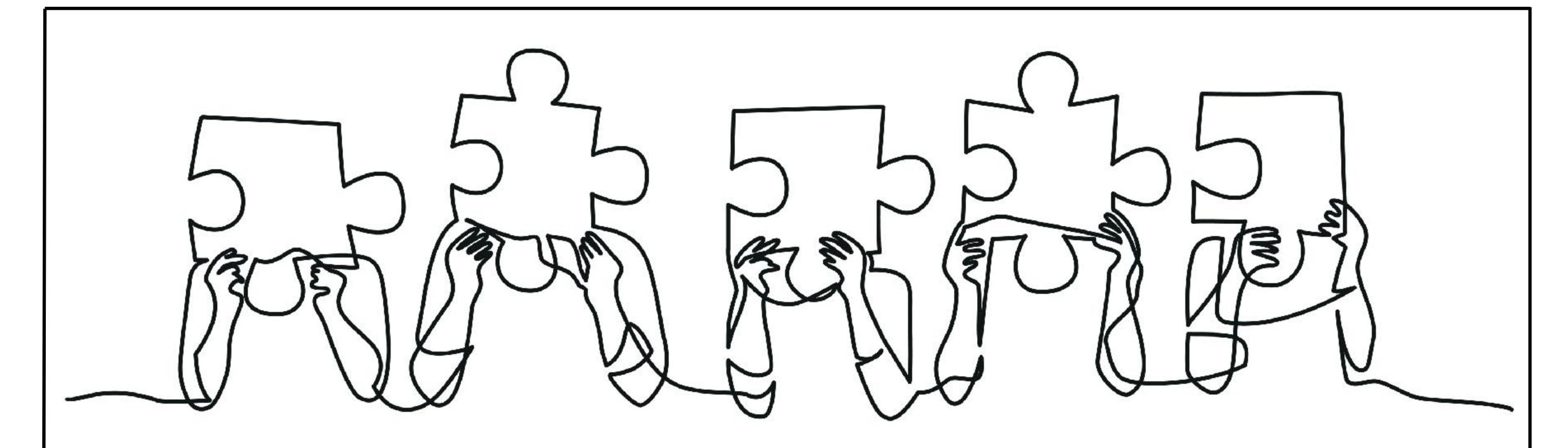


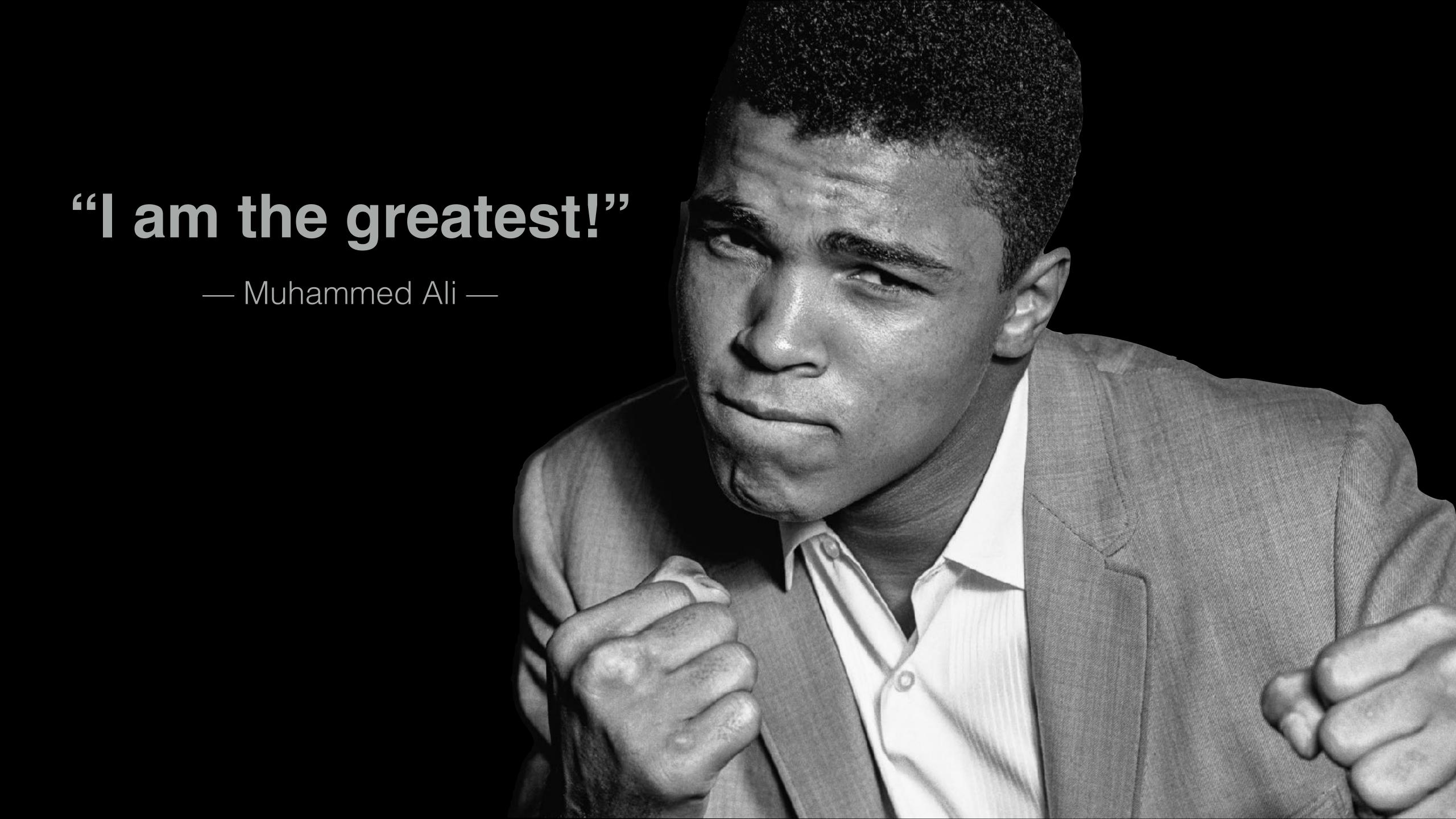
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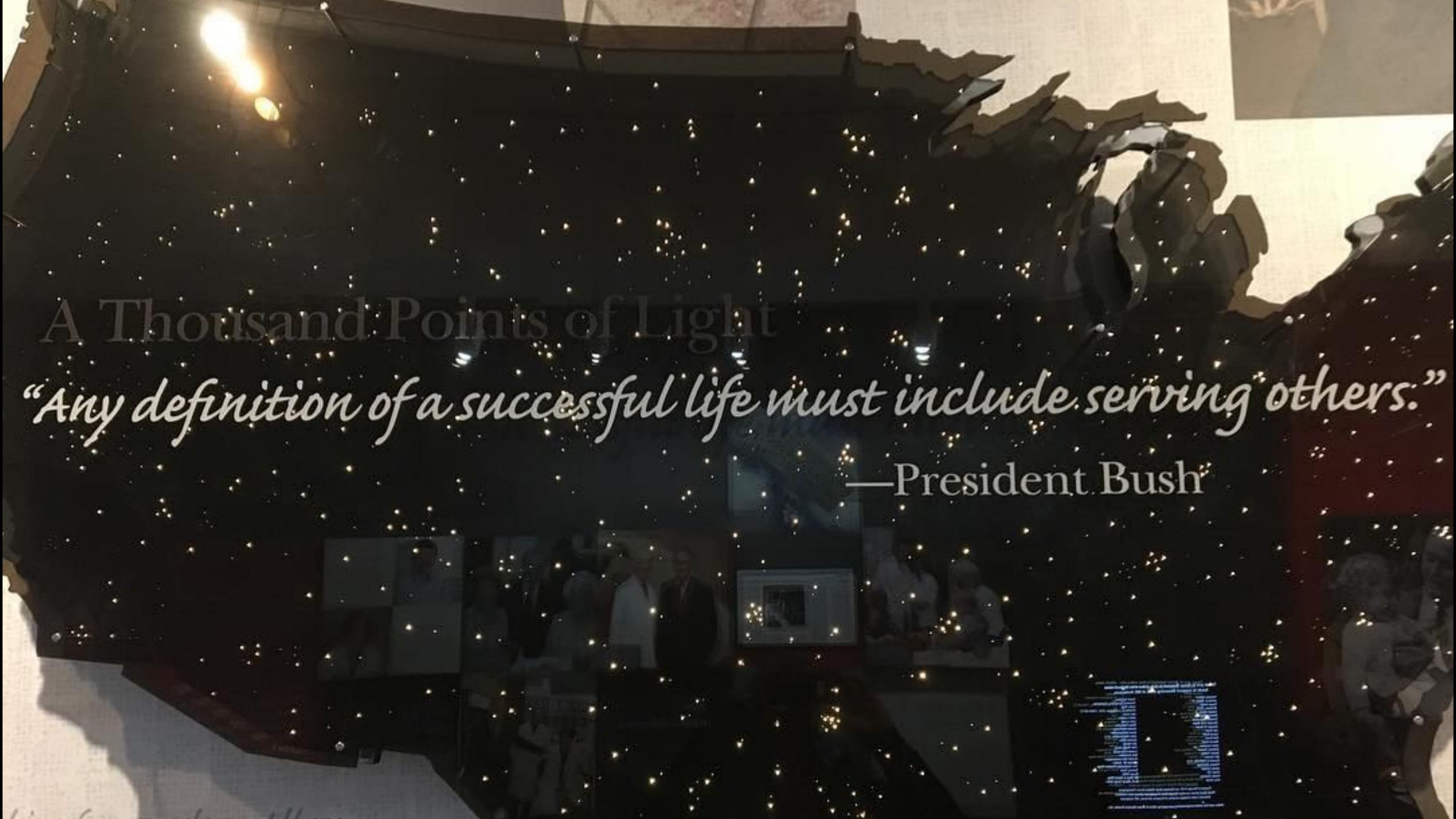
Putting Into Practice Jesus' New Way of Being Human Together

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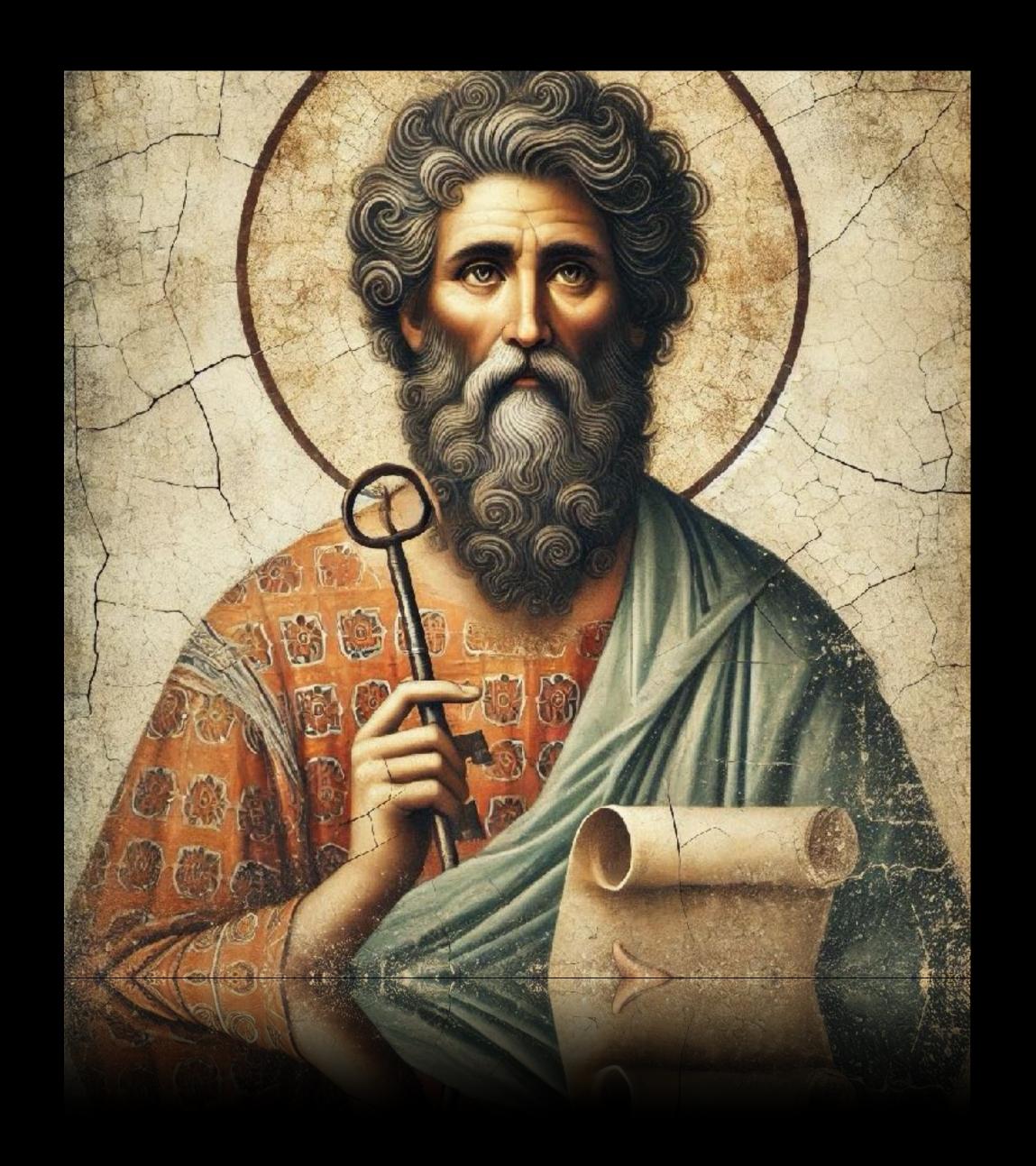


How would you define "greatness"





Any definition of a great life must include serving others.



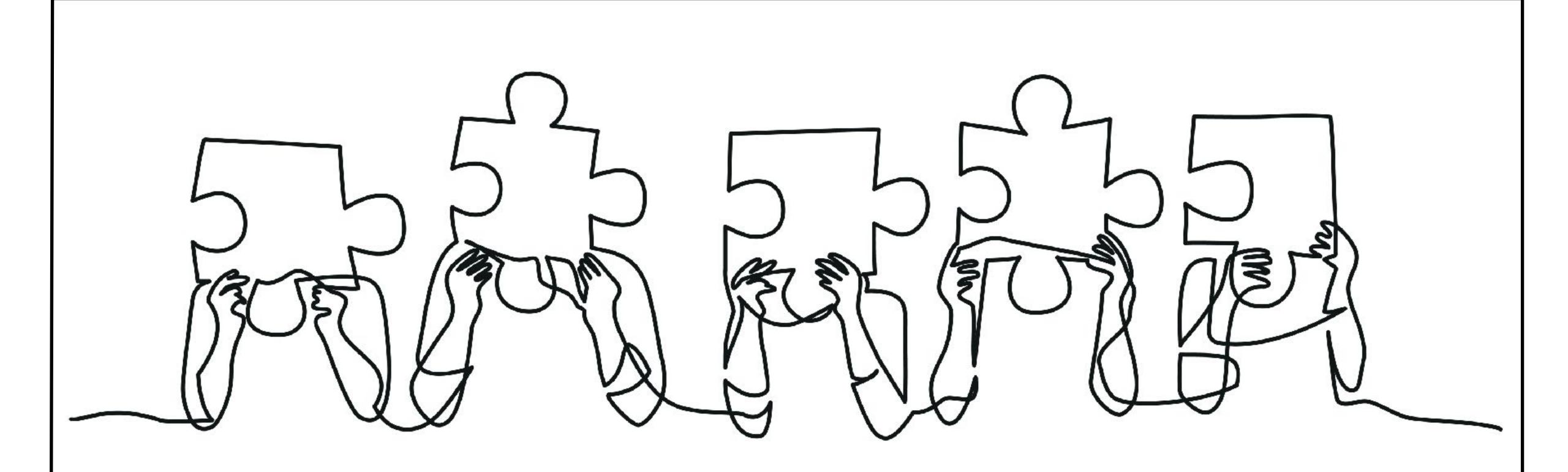
Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace....

— The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:10 —



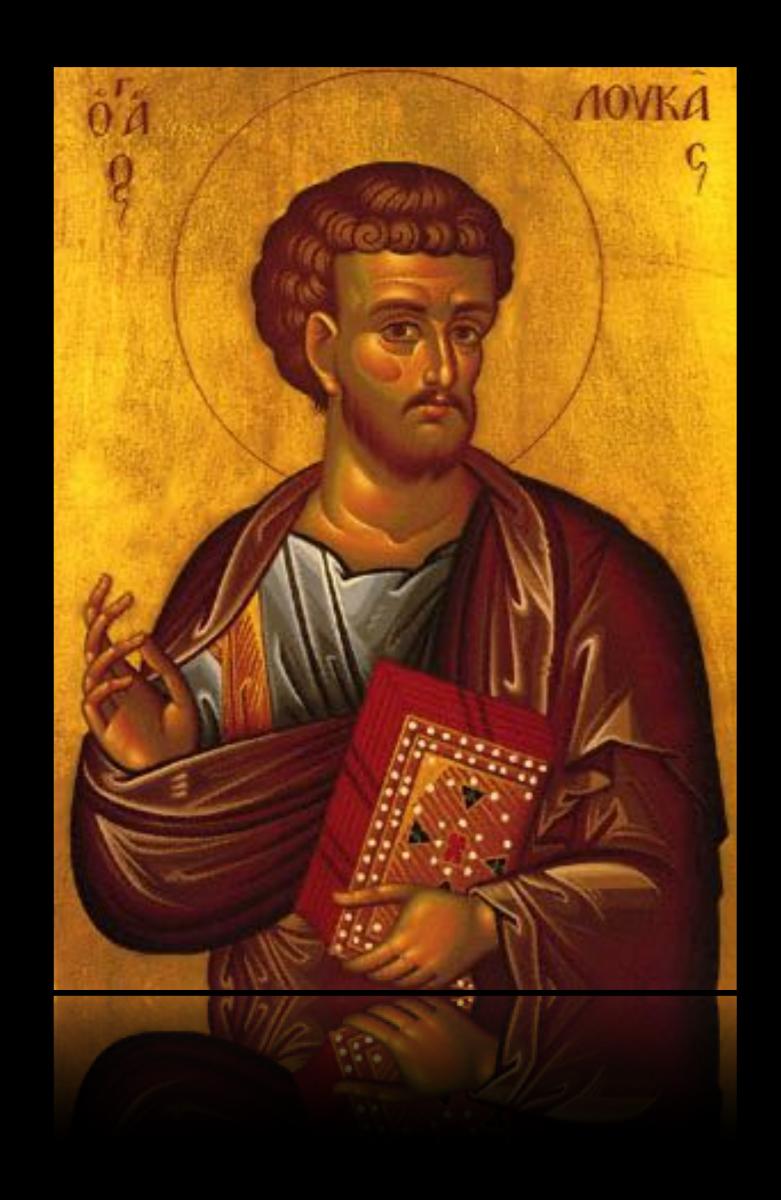


We Love One Another This Way Because He First Loved Us This Way

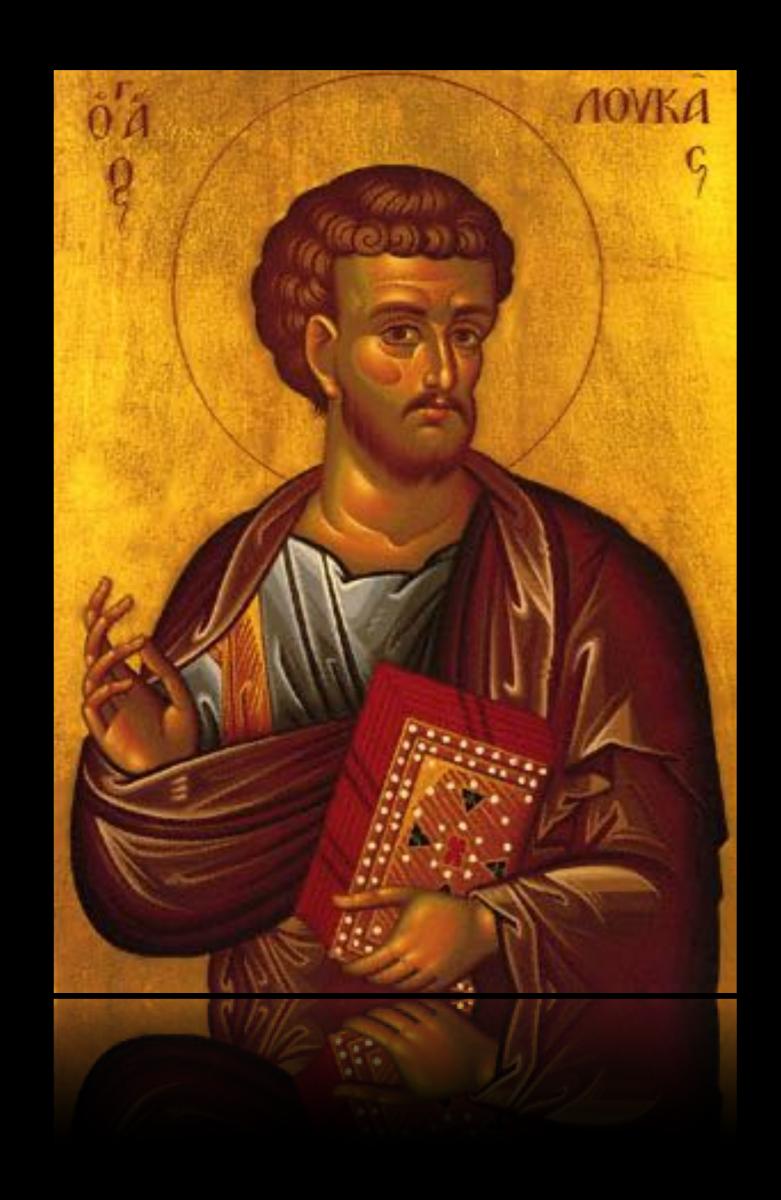


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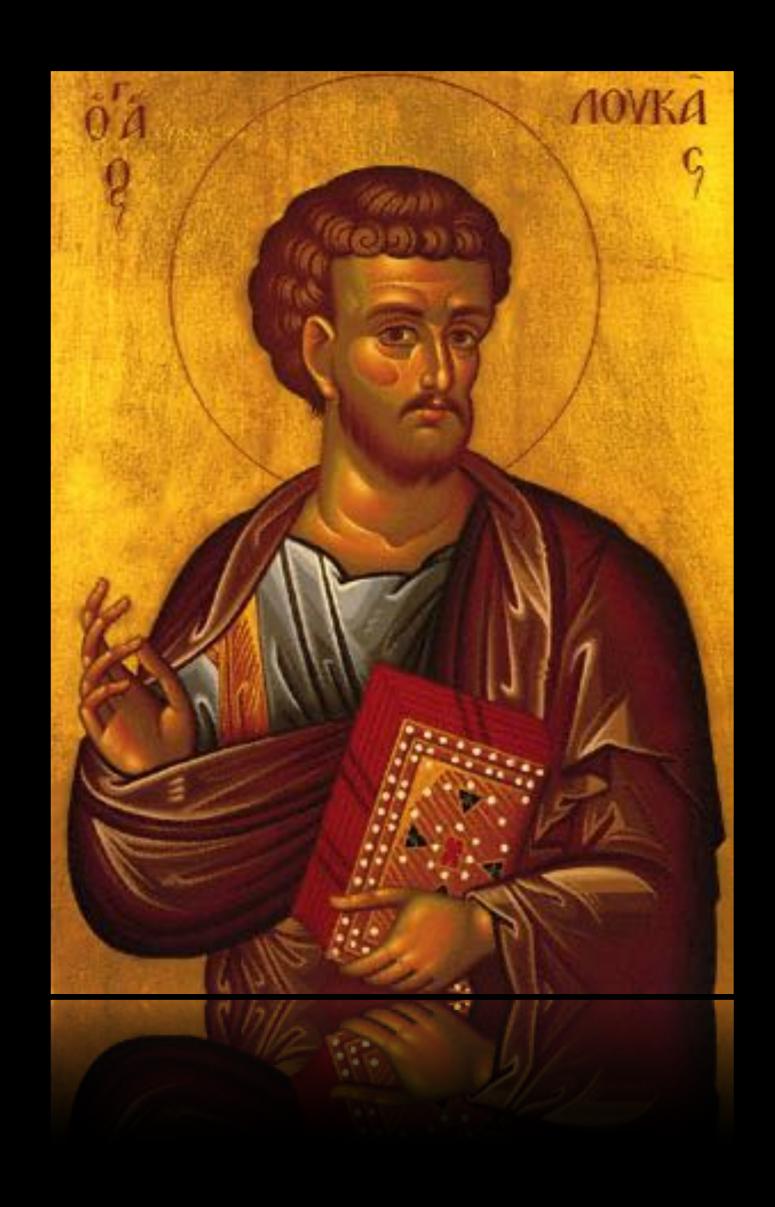
1 Now before the Feast of Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.



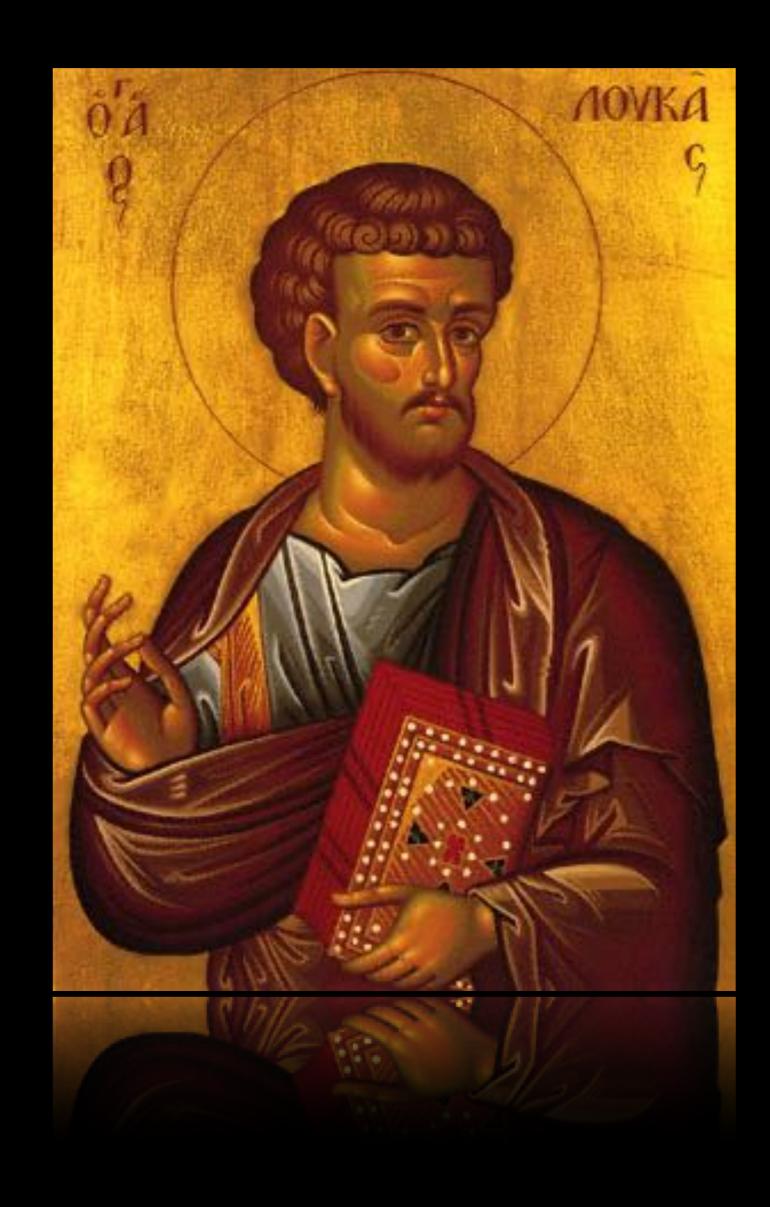
And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of Heaven..."



"But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.



A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "...let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.



"For who is greater, the one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as one sho serves."

2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

The washing of feet of an inferior person by a superior is not attested elsewhere in Jewish or Greco-Roman sources.

— Andreas Kostenberger —



6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have not share with me...."

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

— Jesus in The Gospel of Mark 10:43-45 —



13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do just as I have done to you."



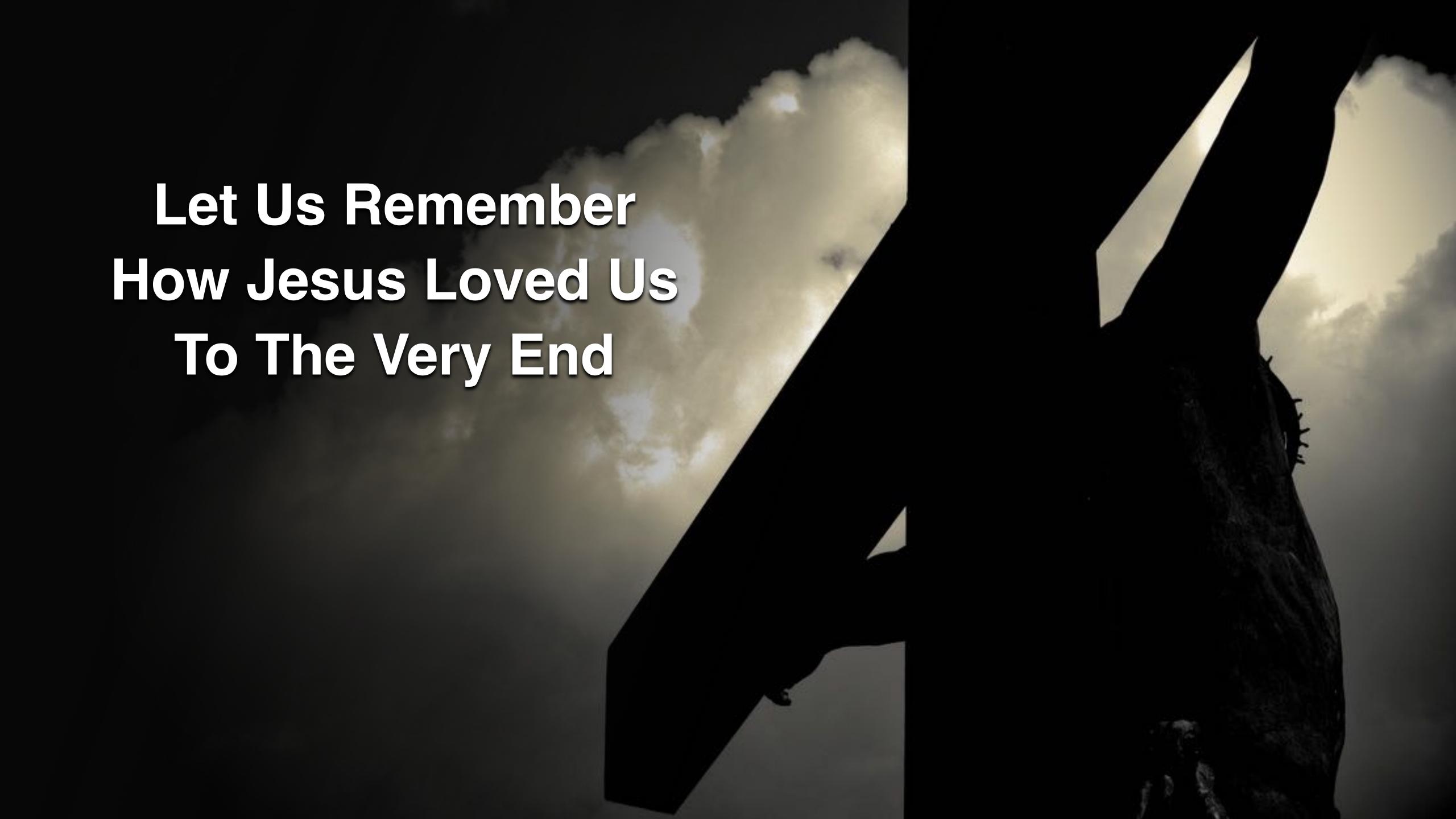
16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

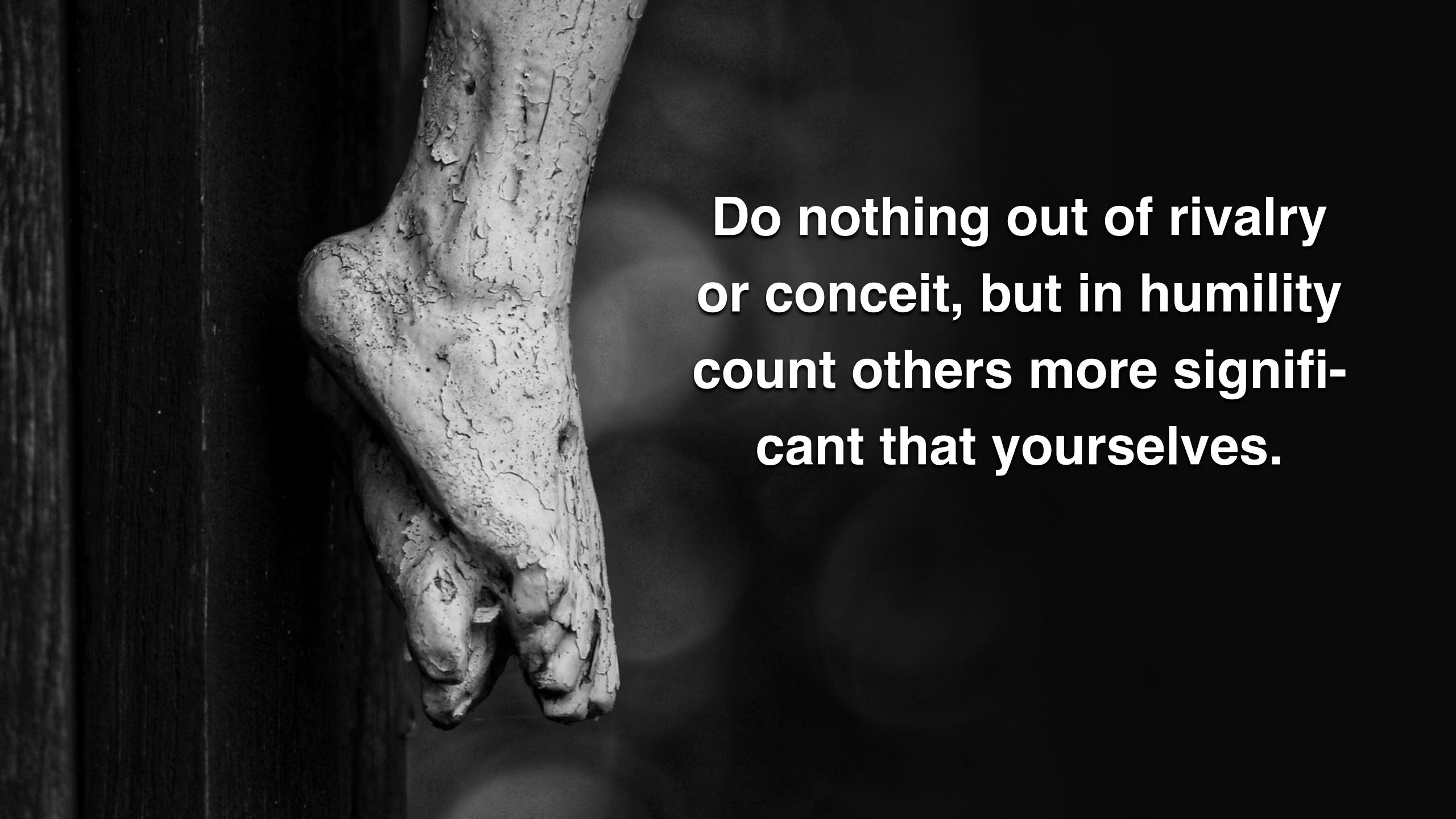
17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."



What is happening inside you as you reflect on what Jesus is saying?

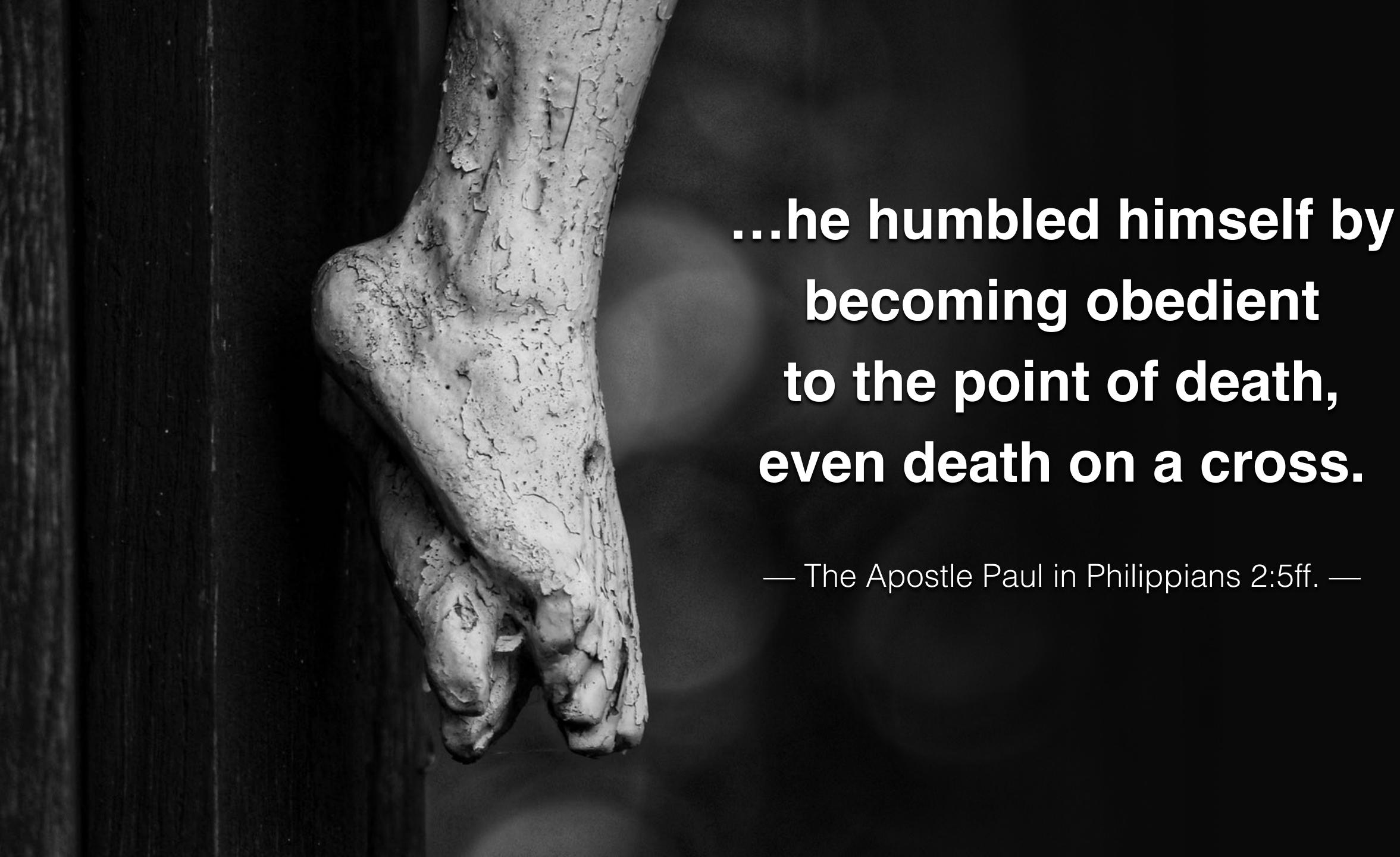
True Greatness Comes From Humbling Ourselves In Order To Serve One Another







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 made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant....





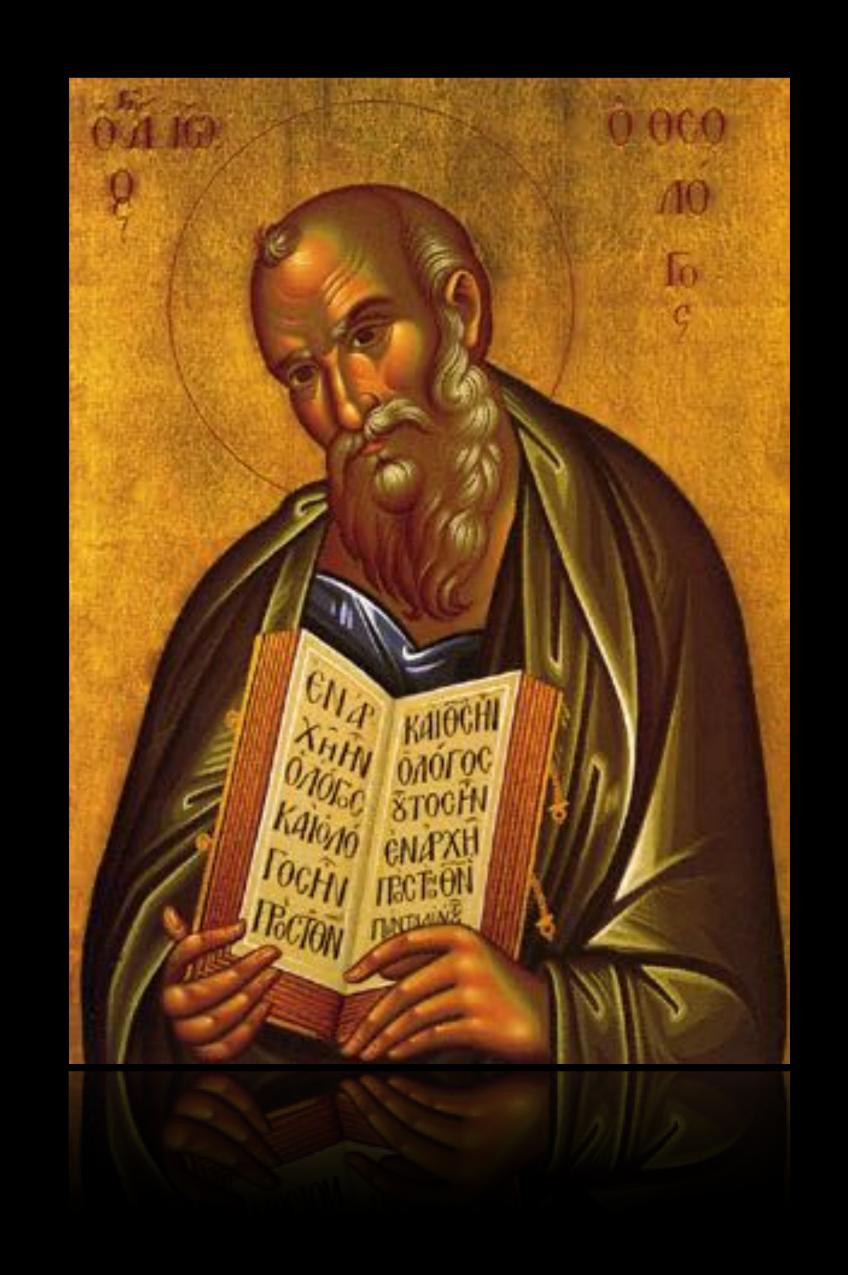
And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be? That Thou, my God, should die for me?

— Charles Wesley "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" —

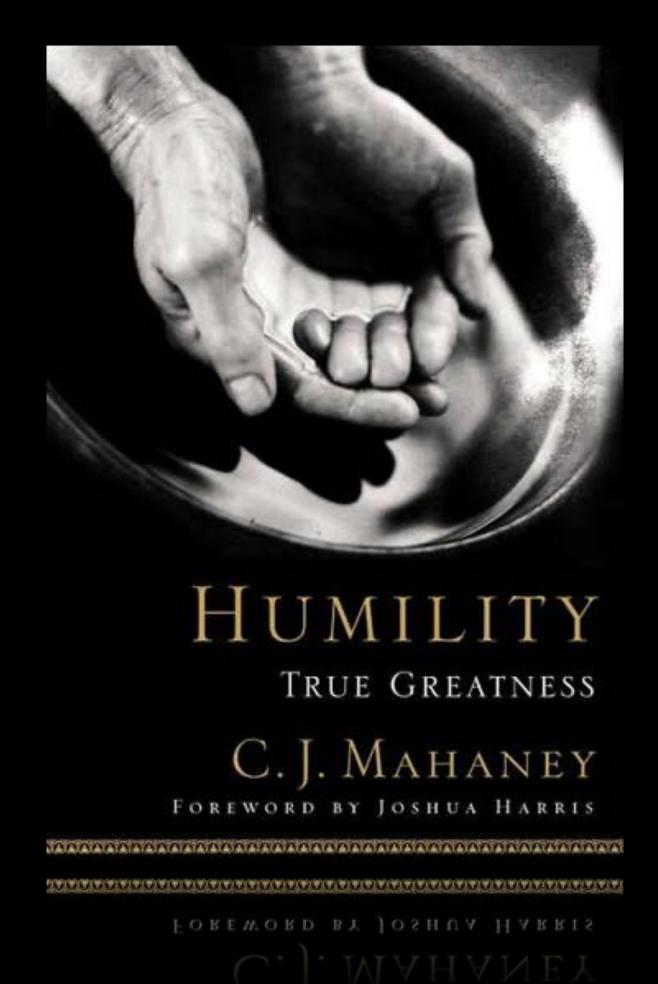
By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.... Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

The Apostle John

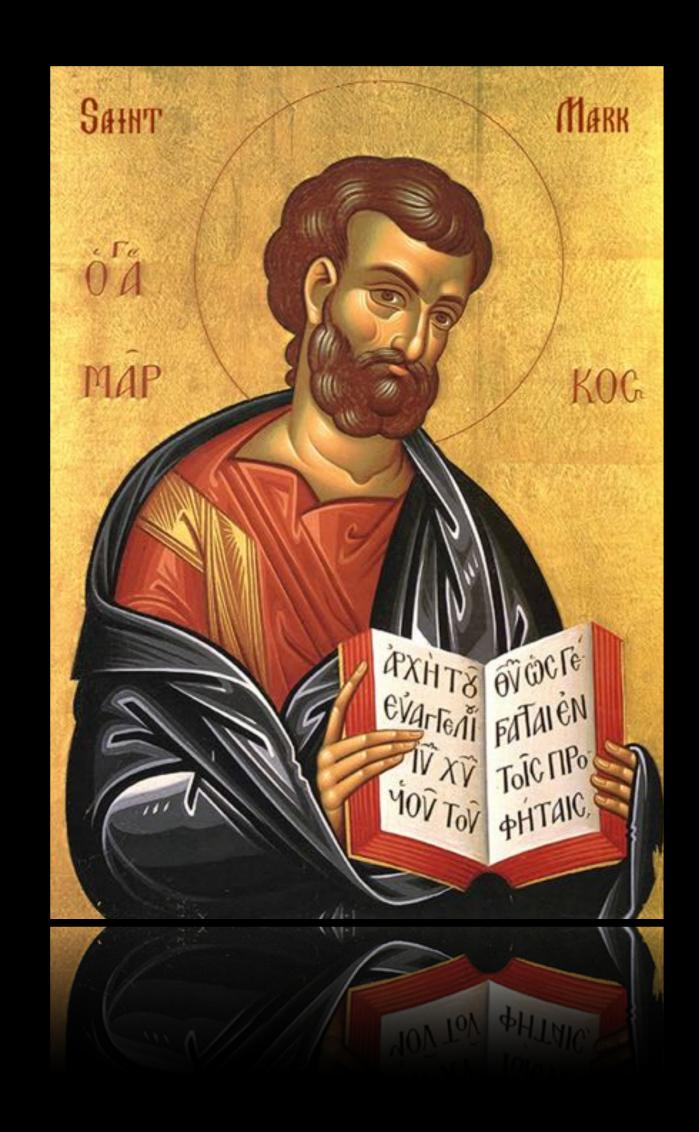
— 1 John 3:16 & 4:11 —



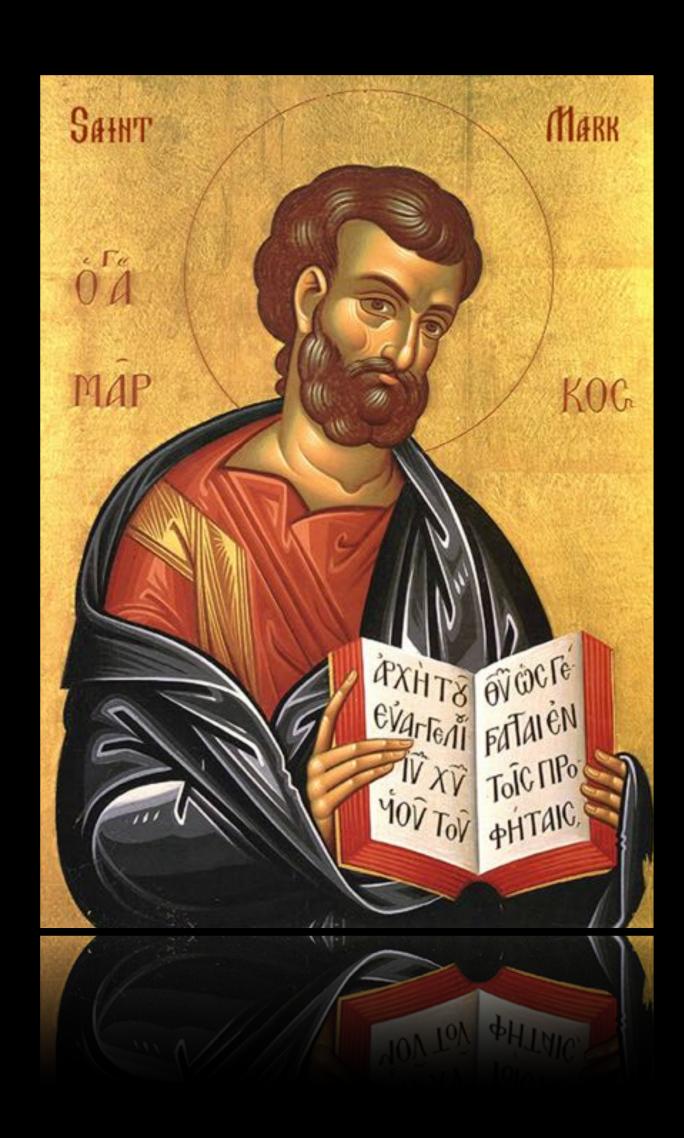




The real issue here is not IF pride exists in your heart; it's WHERE pride exists and HOW pride is being expressed in your life.



And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest....

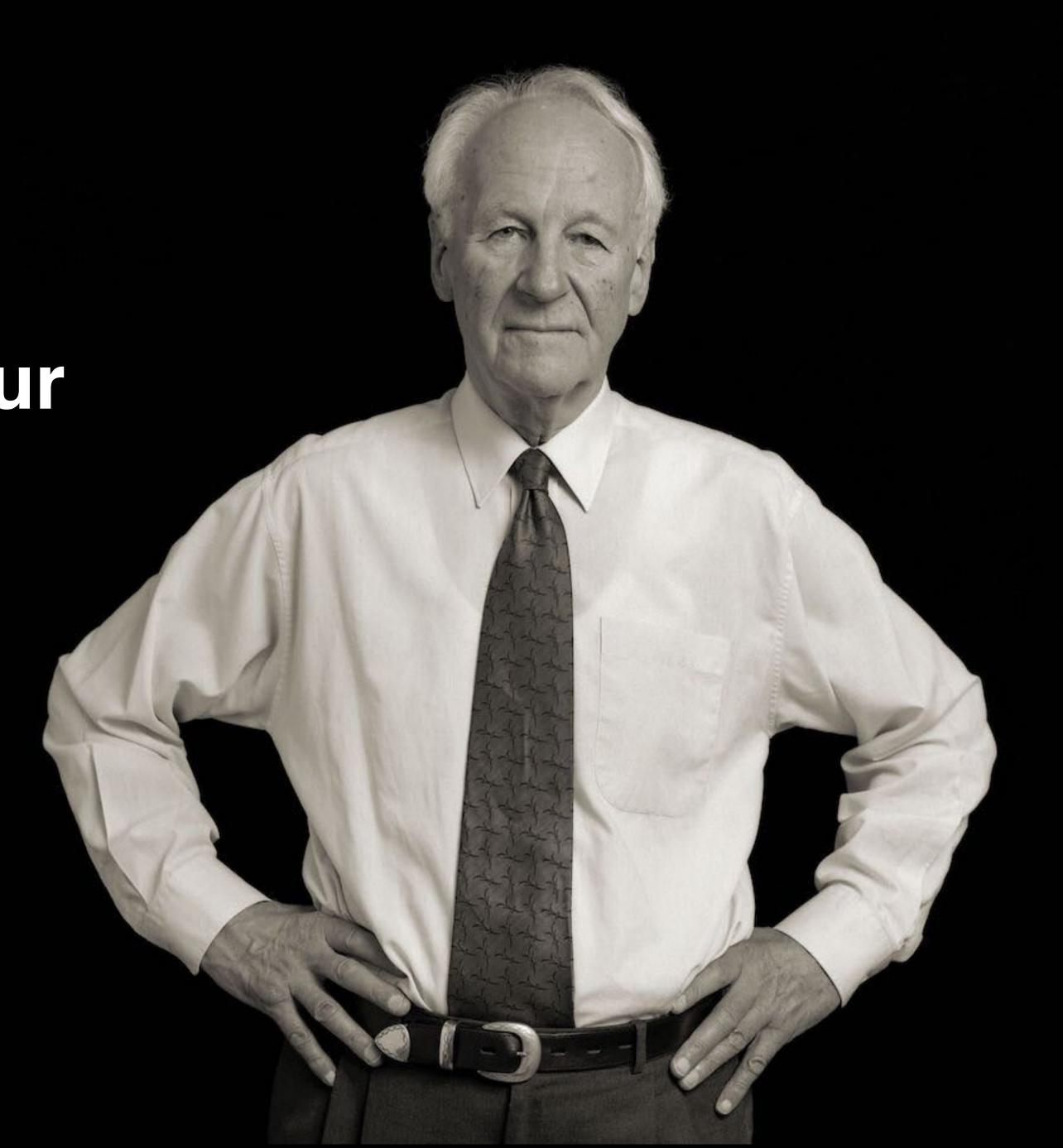


And he said, if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.

— The Gospel of Mark 9:33 —

At every stage of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, PRIDE is the greatest enemy and HUMILITY is our greatest friend.

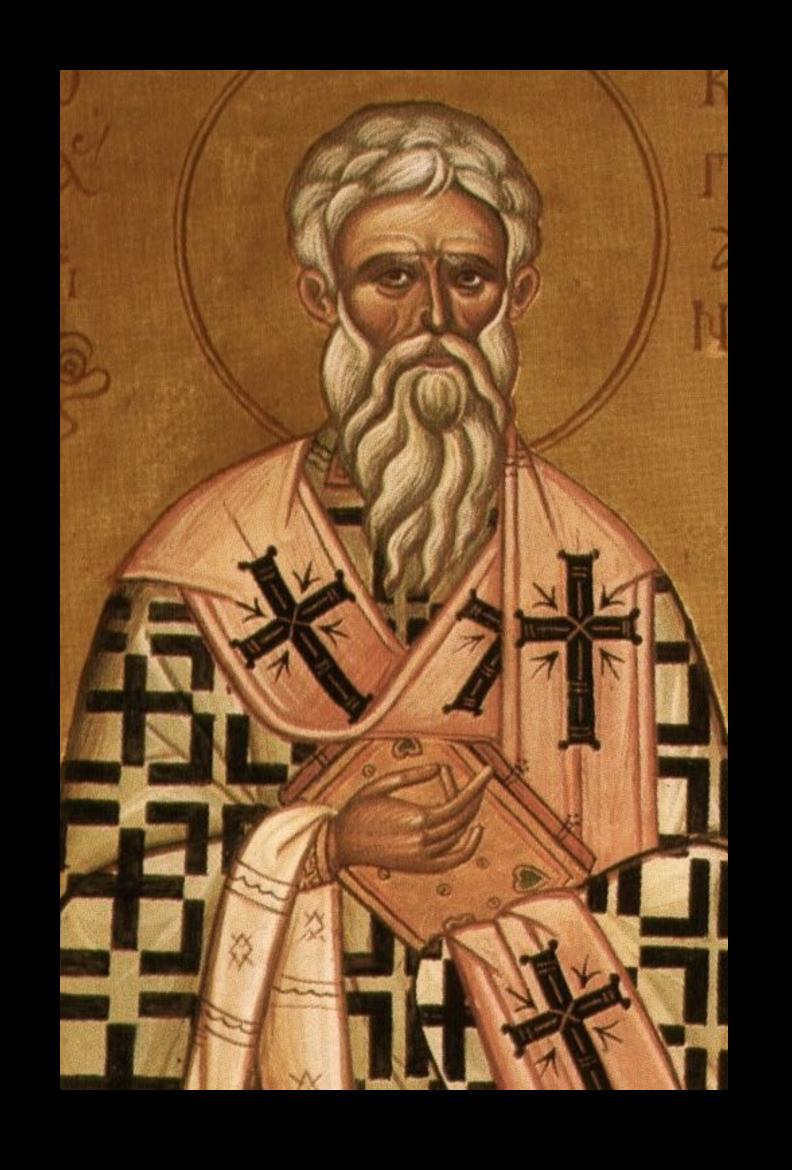
John Stott —Anglican Minister



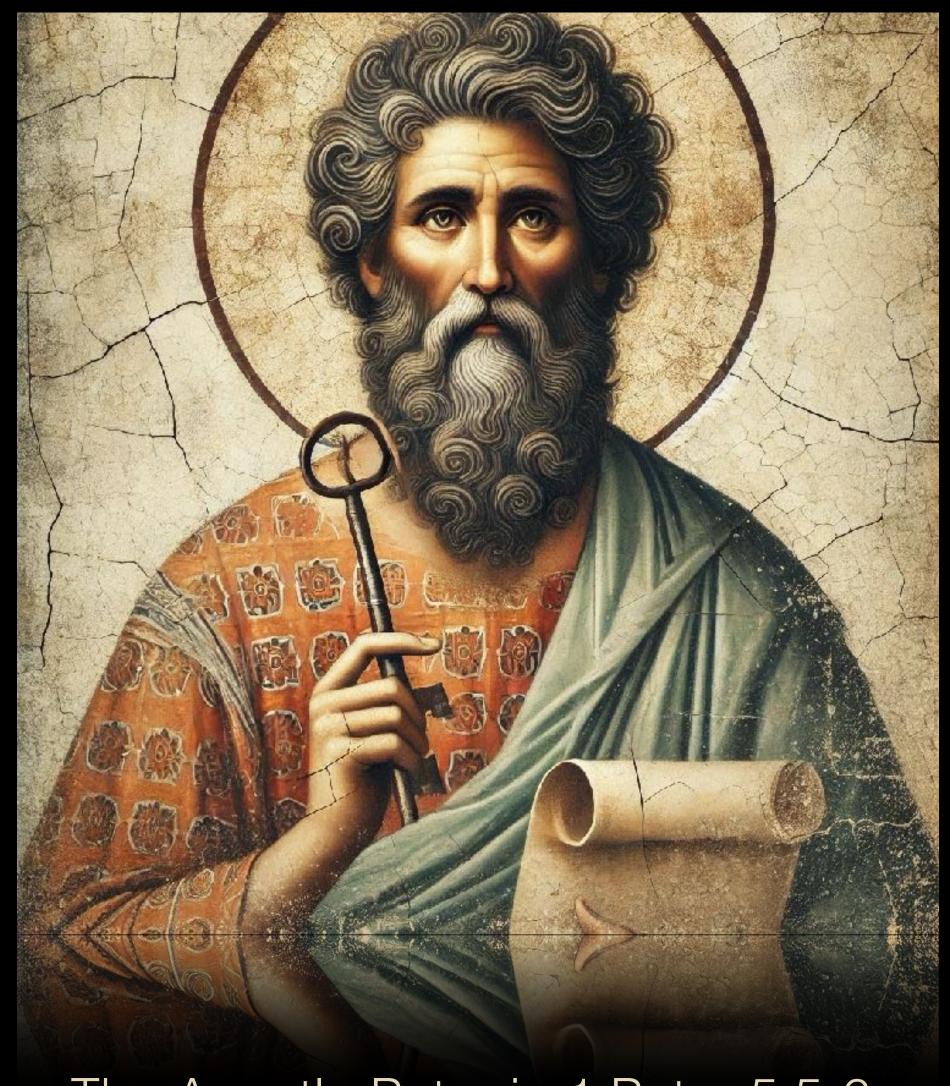
Here's the mindset: l am a servant of the servants, and whatever is within me that opposes this mindset, I must ruthlessly destroy.



If the servant is not greater than his Lord, let those who follow the Lord humble themselves and peacefully and silently tread in his steps, since the lower one is, the more exalted he may become, as the Lord says, "He that is least among you shall be the greatest."



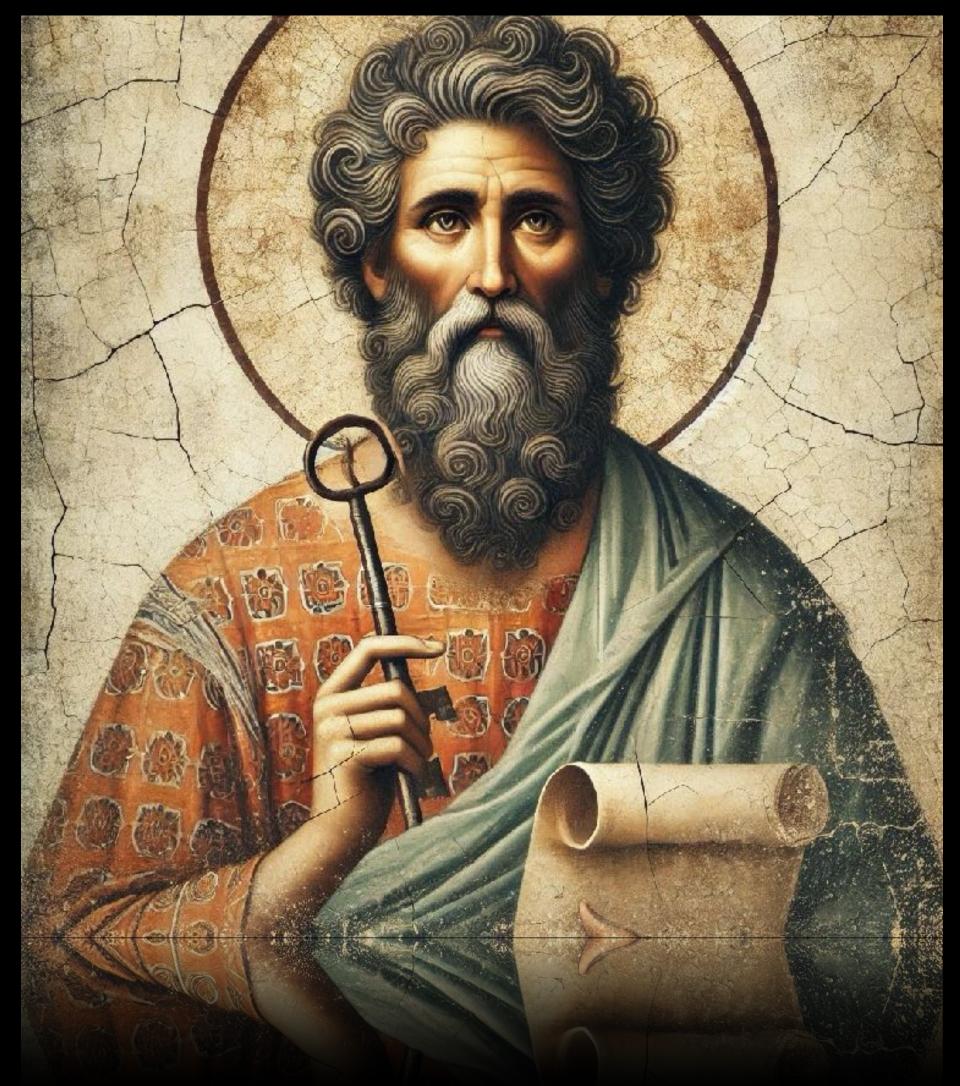
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— The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 5:5-6 —

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that at the proper time, he may exalt you.



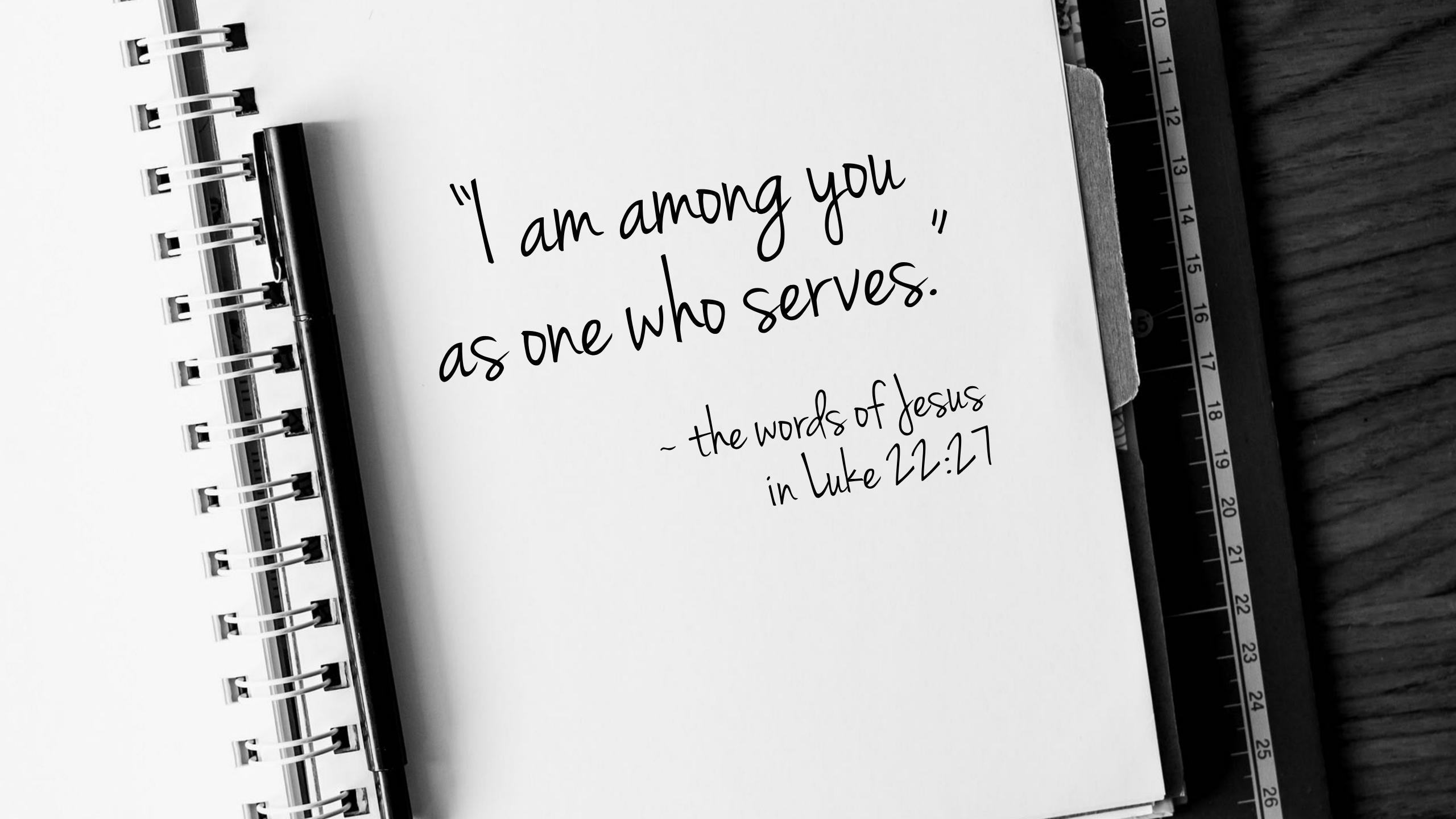


As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's multi-colored grace.... Whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

— The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:10-11 —









— A 13-year old Teenager Serving the Poor in Our City —

