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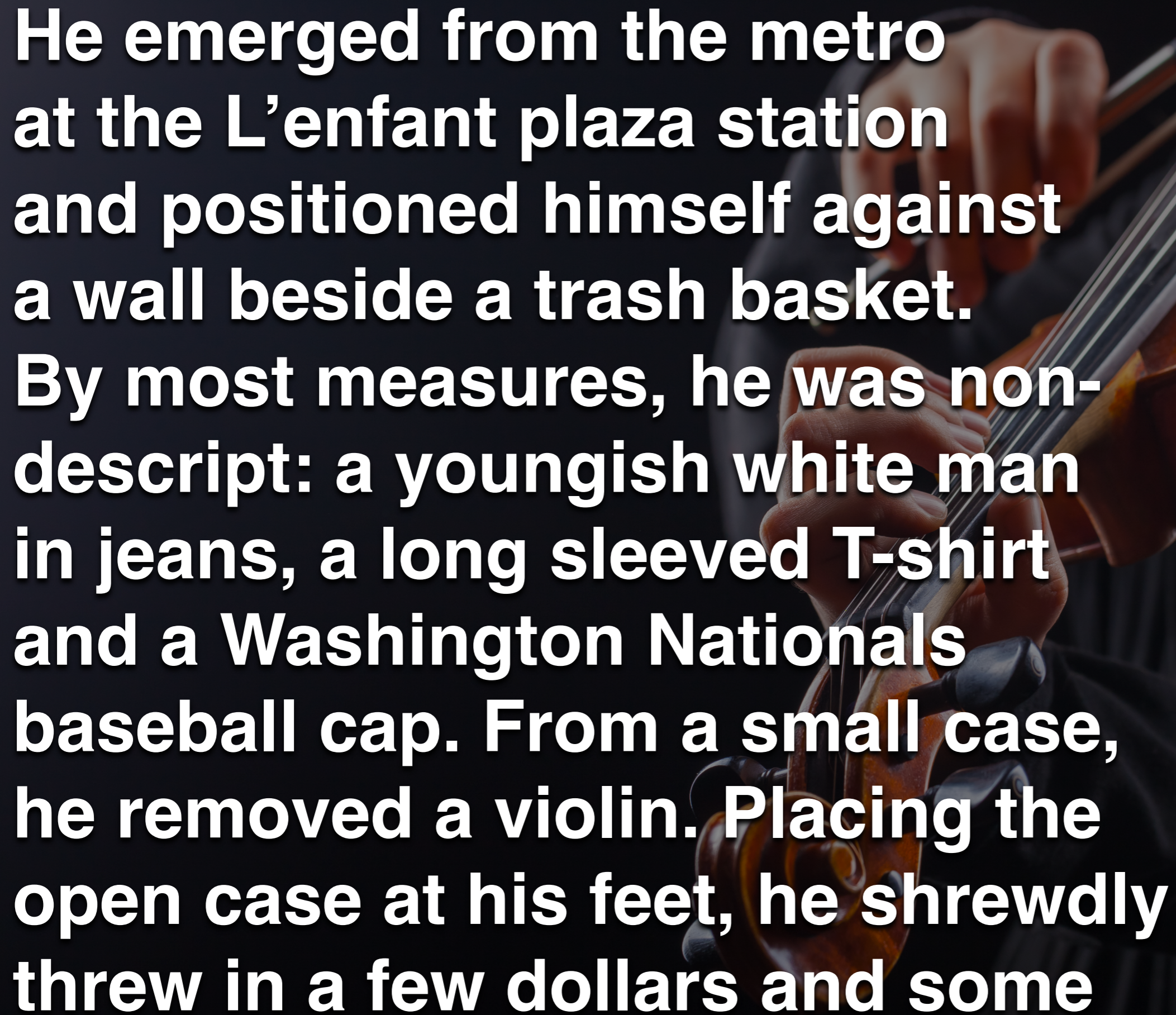


THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

**Would you know
GREATNESS
if you saw it?**

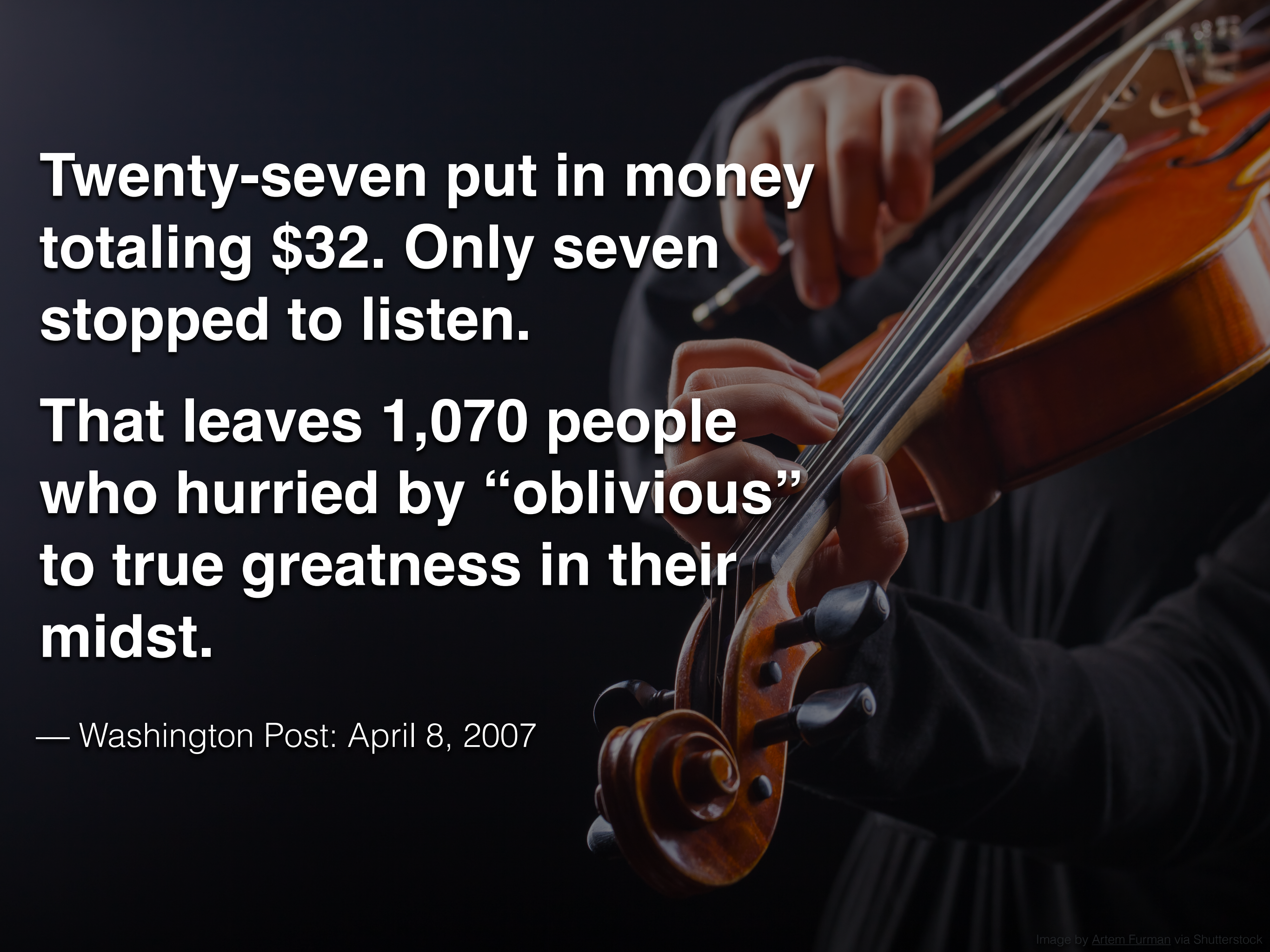




He emerged from the metro at the L'enfant plaza station and positioned himself against a wall beside a trash basket. By most measures, he was non-descript: a youngish white man in jeans, a long sleeved T-shirt and a Washington Nationals baseball cap. From a small case, he removed a violin. Placing the open case at his feet, he shrewdly threw in a few dollars and some

pocket change as seed money, swiveled it to face his pedestrian traffic, and began to play.

It was 7:51am on Friday, January 12, the middle of the morning rush hour. In the next 43 minutes, as the violinist performed six classical pieces, 1,097 people passed by.



Twenty-seven put in money totaling \$32. Only seven stopped to listen.

That leaves 1,070 people who hurried by “oblivious” to true greatness in their midst.

— Washington Post: April 8, 2007

— Joshua Bell —



**How do you
measure true
greatness?
And would
you know it if
you saw it?**







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The Gospel of Luke 22:19-30

19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”** 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, **“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”**

The Gospel of Luke 22:24-30

21 “But behold, the hand of him who **betrays** me is with me on this table.

22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is **betrayed!**”

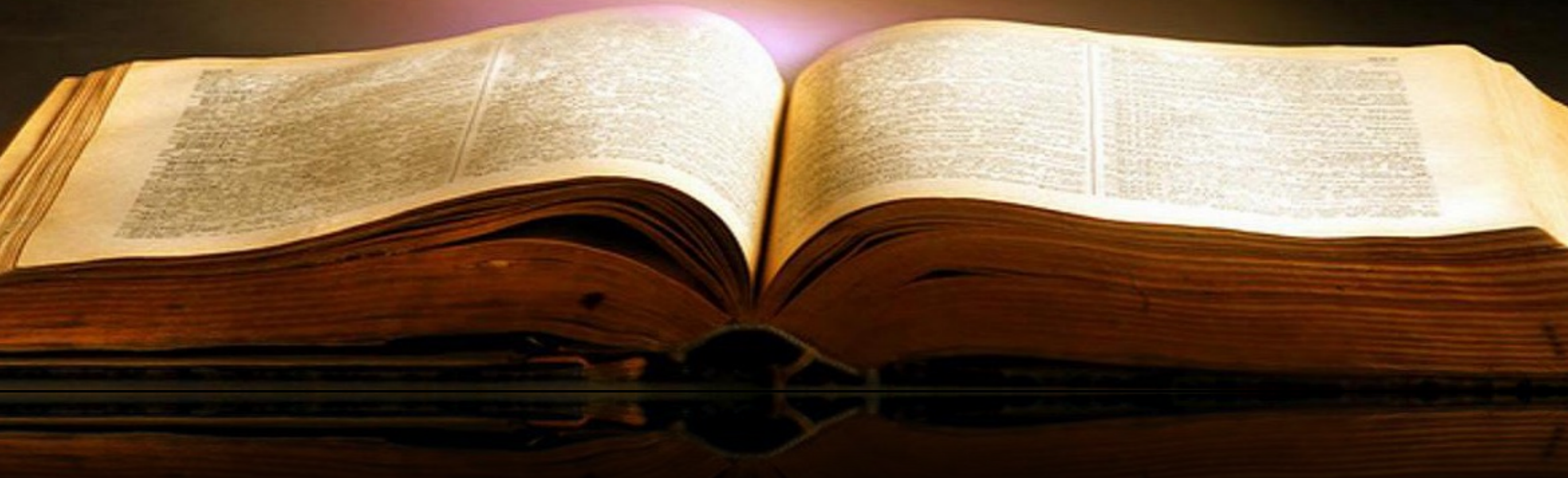
The Gospel of Luke 22:24-30

23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

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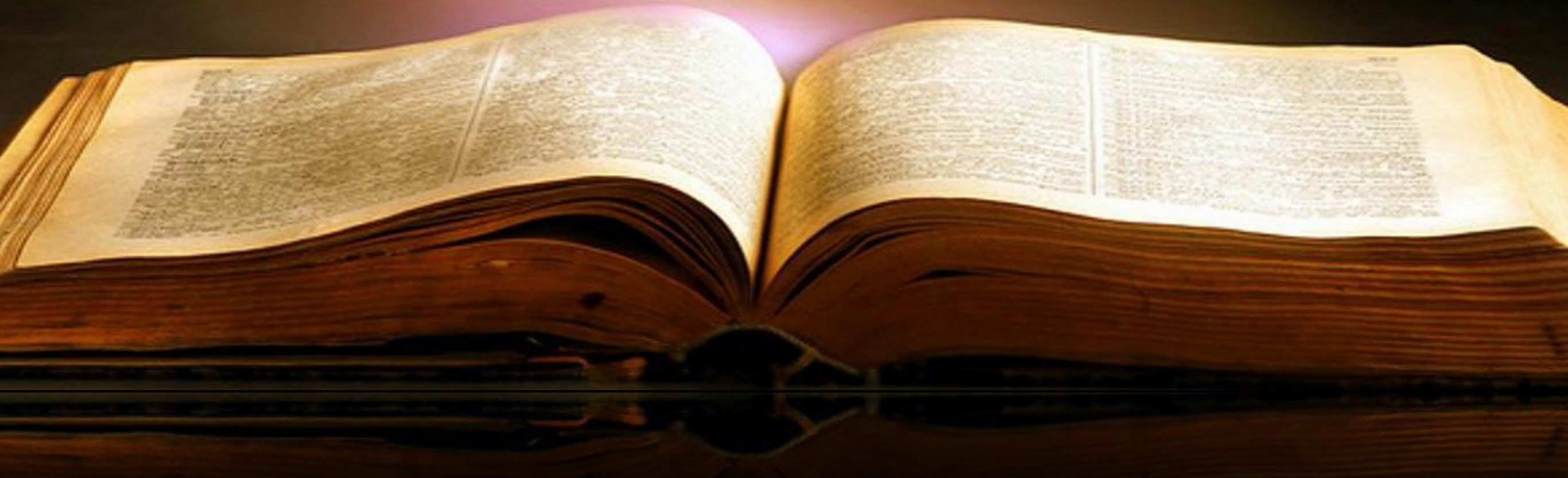
24 A **dispute** also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as **the greatest**.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying.... An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest.”



But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you is the one who is great.”

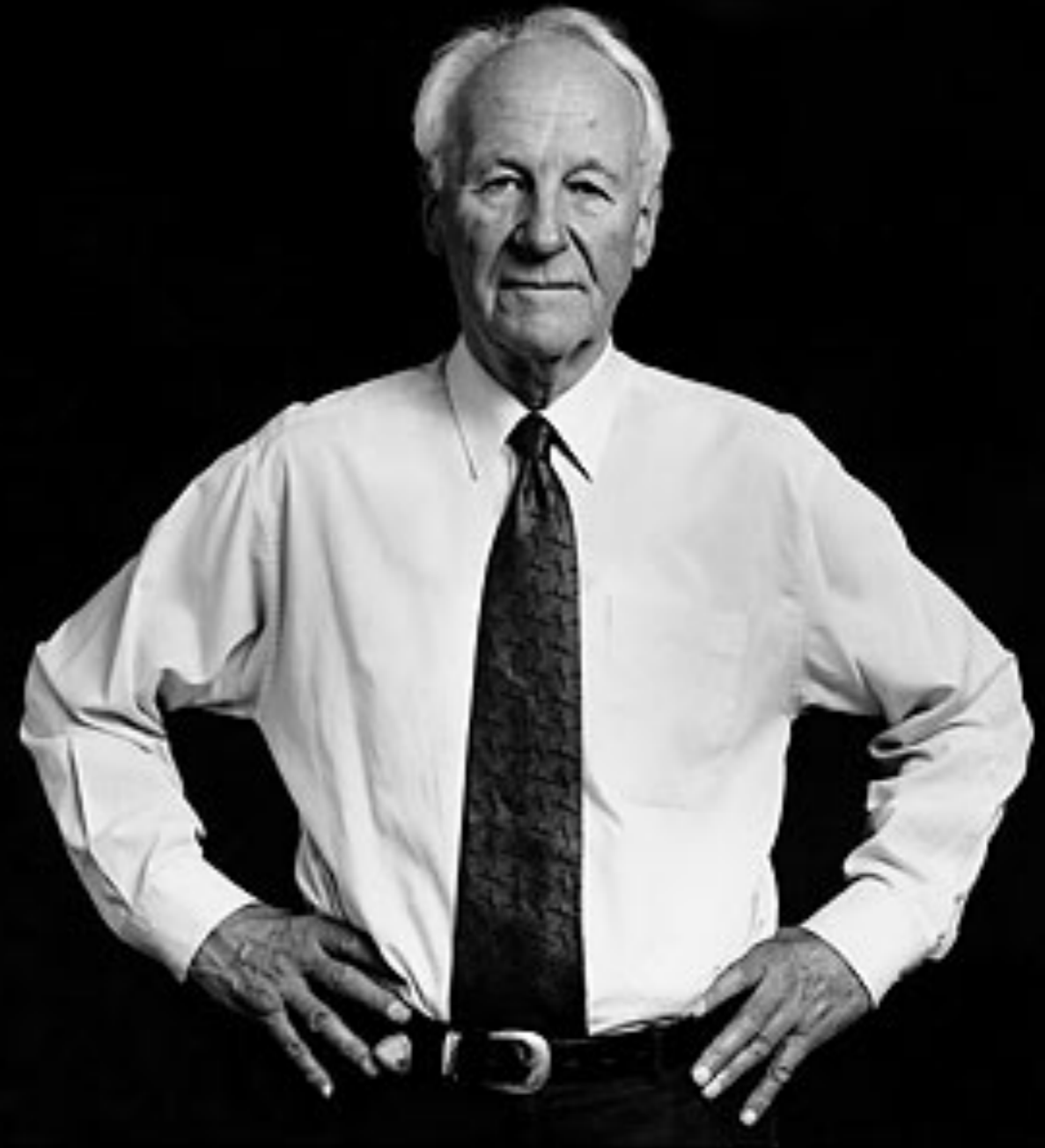
— Jesus of Nazareth in The Gospel of Luke 9:43 —



**Although pride
is easy to see in
others, it's almost
impossible to see
in ourselves.**



At every stage of our
Christian develop-
ment and in every
sphere of our
Christian disciple-
ship, **PRIDE** is our
greatest enemy
and **HUMILITY** is
our **greatest friend.**



— John Stott —
Anglican Minister

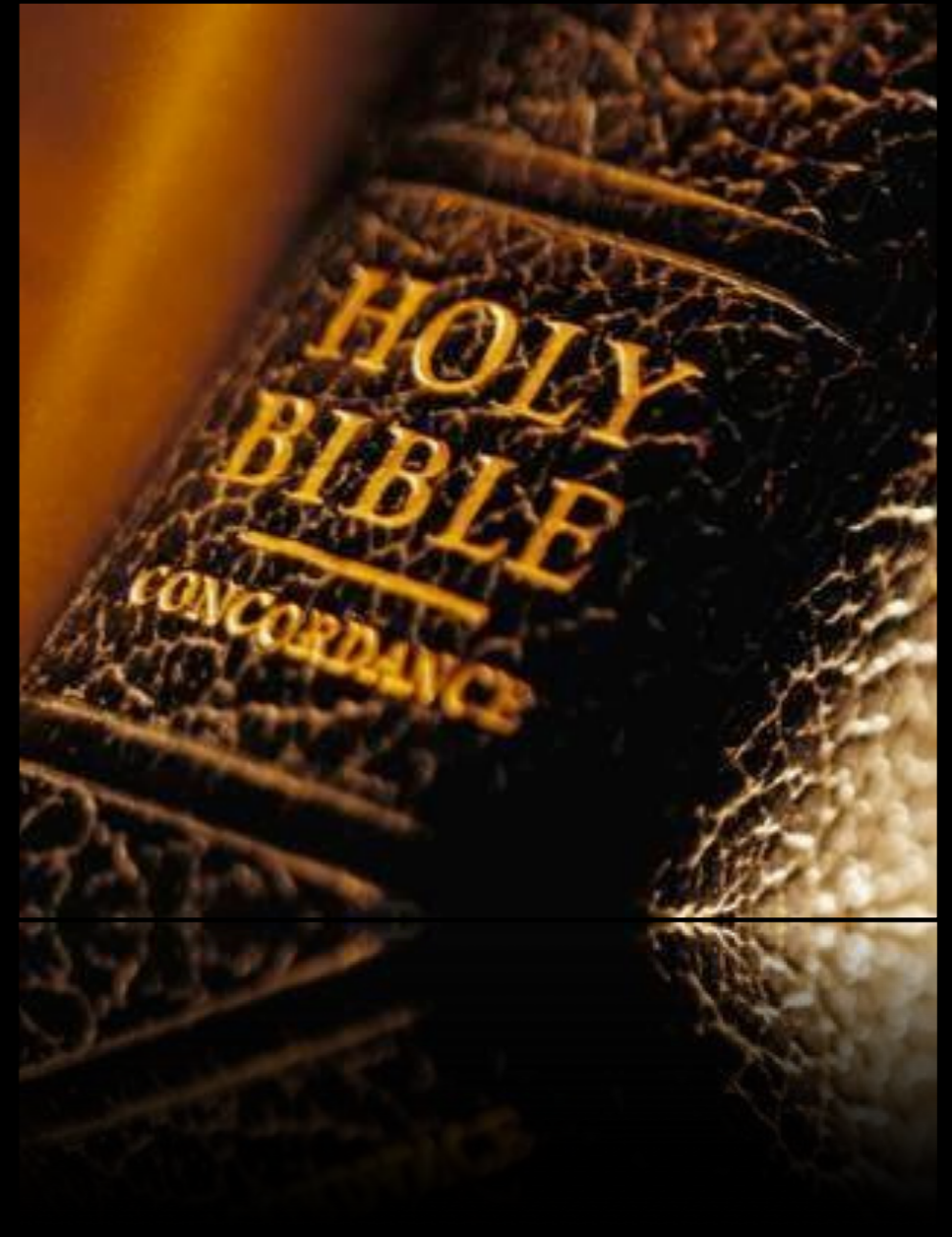
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25 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors.”

The Gospel of Luke 22:24-30

26 “But not so with you. Rather, let the **greatest** among you become as the youngest, and the **leaders** as one who serves.”

**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.**

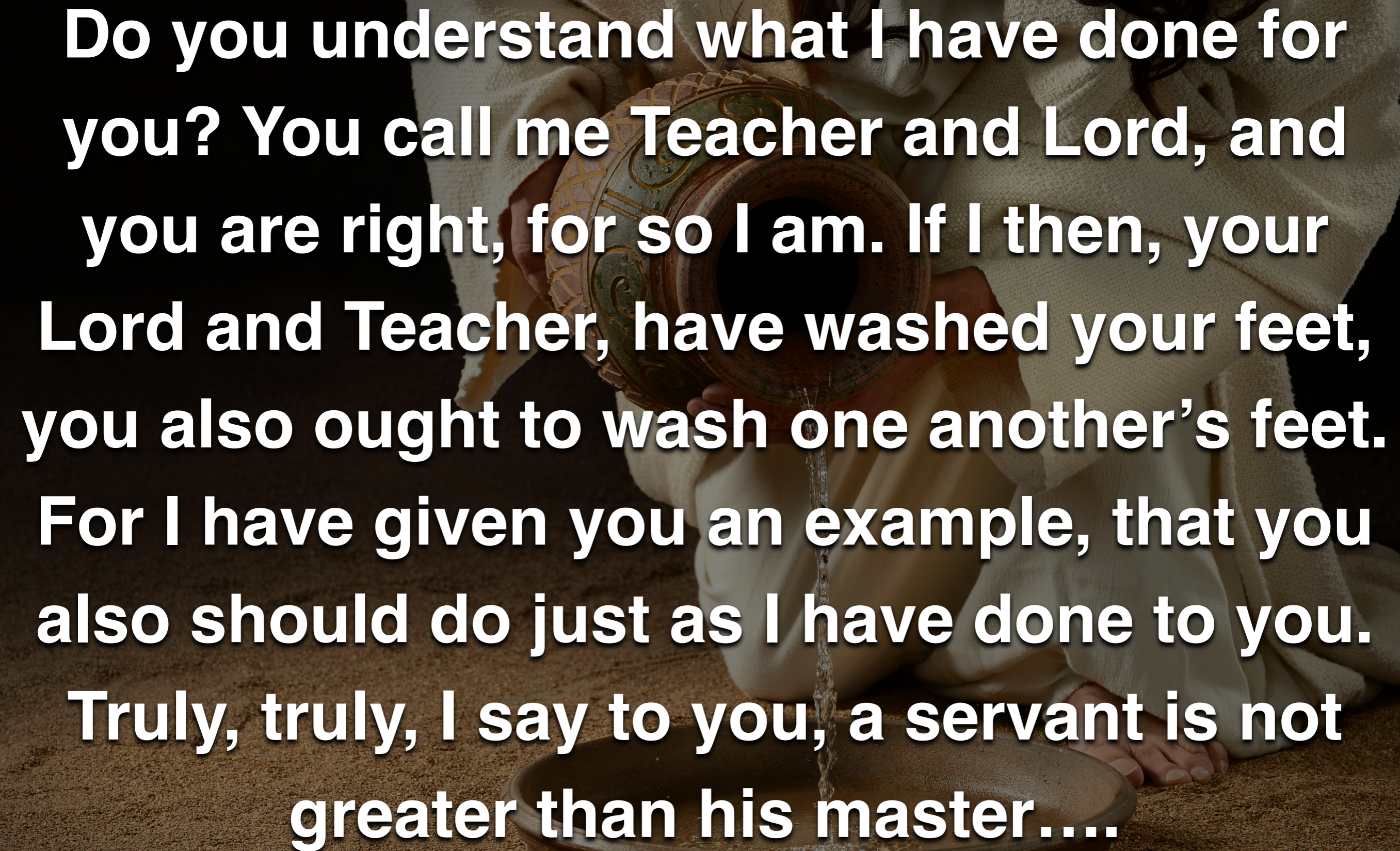


Jesus of Nazareth
The Gospel of Mark 10:43-45

The Gospel of Luke 22:24-30

27 “For **who is the greater**, the one who reclines at table or the one who serves? Is not the one who reclines at table? But **I am among you as one who serves.**”



A person wearing a white robe is kneeling on a sandy floor, pouring water from a large, ornate clay jug into a shallow, dark brown bowl. The person's face is partially visible, looking down at the bowl. The background is dark, making the white robe and the water stream stand out.

Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master....

— Jesus in the Gospel of John 13:13-16 —

**What's your best
guess as to how
Jesus is going
to act towards
His disciples
now that they
have failed
miserably?**



The Gospel of Luke 22:24-30

28 You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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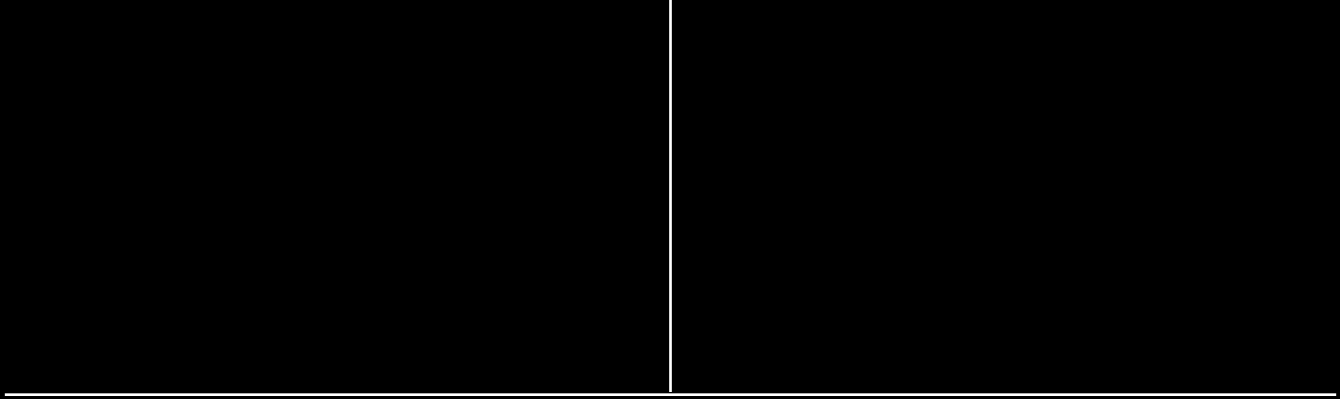


**Who am I that
the highest King
would welcome me
I was lost but
you brought me in
Oh His love for me**

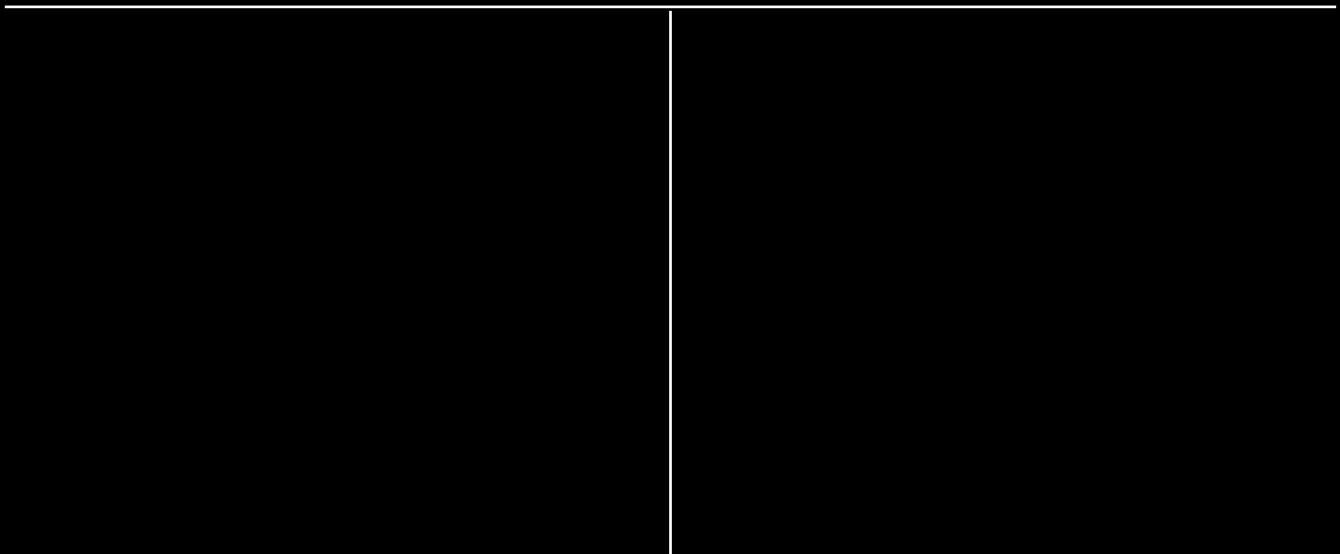
— Who You Say I Am —

Important Question

Why does Luke record this account in his historical biography of Jesus?



**If you want to know how to
define greatness, look no further
than Jesus Christ.**



**Let's learn to be
a little suspicious
of ourselves!**





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.

— CJ Mahaney Humility —



**Tell me, how is pride expressing itself in your life?
Where is it showing up in your life?**



**We spend too much
precious time and
energy managing
perception and
creating carefully
edited versions of
ourselves to show
to the world.**

— Brené Brown —

Donald Miller
Blue Like Jazz

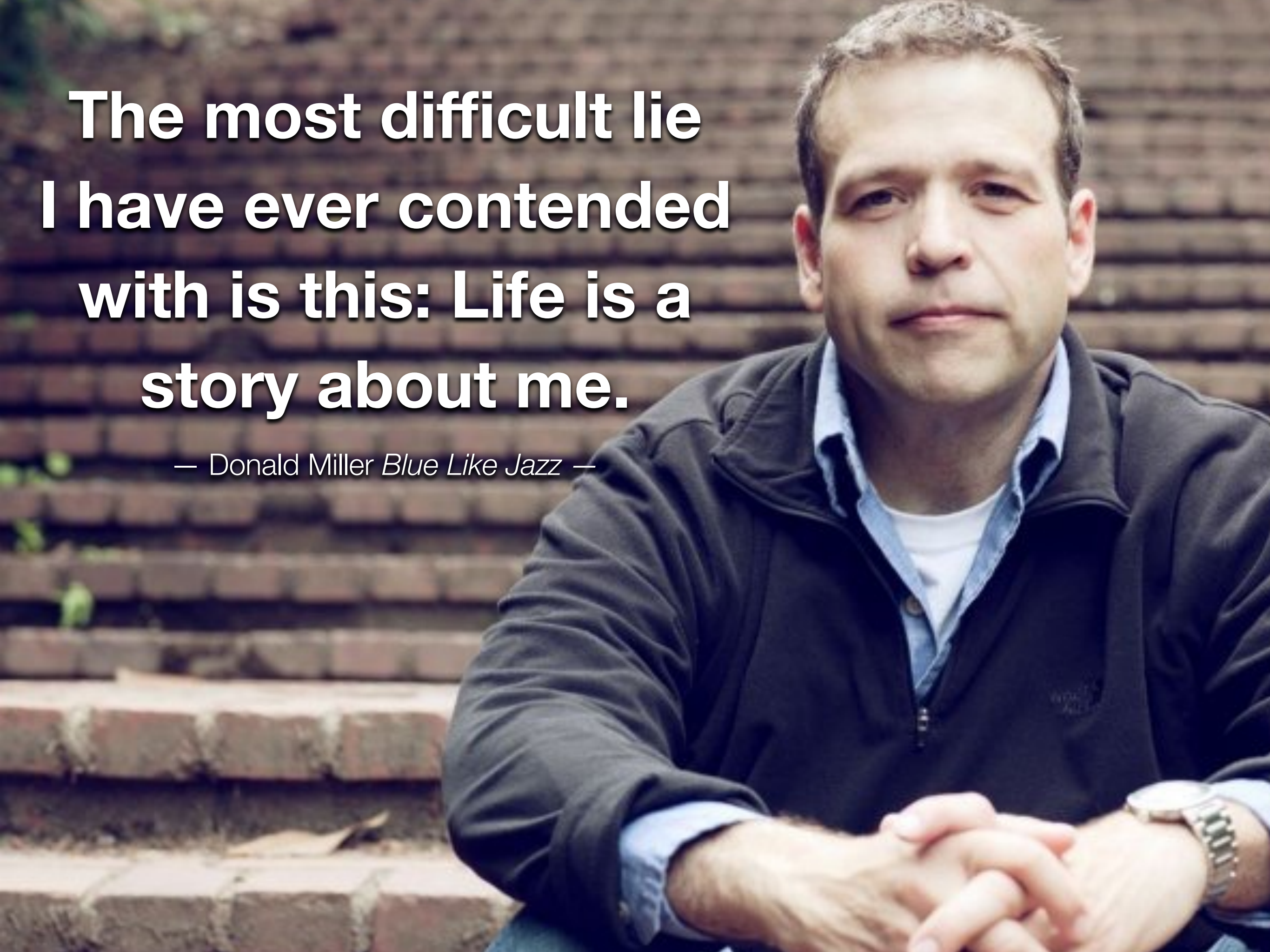


**Living in community
made me realize one
of my faults: I was
addicted to myself.
All I thought about
was myself. The only
thing I cared about
was myself.**



**I had very little concept
of love, altruism, or
sacrifice. I discovered
that my mind is like a
radio that picks up
only one station, the
one that plays me:
K-DON, all Don,
all the time....**



A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark grey zip-up jacket over a light blue button-down shirt and a white t-shirt, is sitting on stone steps. He has his hands clasped in front of him and is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background consists of more stone steps and some greenery.

**The most difficult lie
I have ever contended
with is this: Life is a
story about me.**

— Donald Miller *Blue Like Jazz* —

**Humility is not thinking
less of yourself,
but thinking
of yourself less.**

— CS Lewis —



**For by the grace given
to me I say to everyone
among you not to think
of himself more highly
than he ought to think,
but to think with sober
judgment....**

The Apostle Paul
— 1 Corinthians 12:3 —



**Let's learn to be
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**Let's learn
humility
from Jesus.**

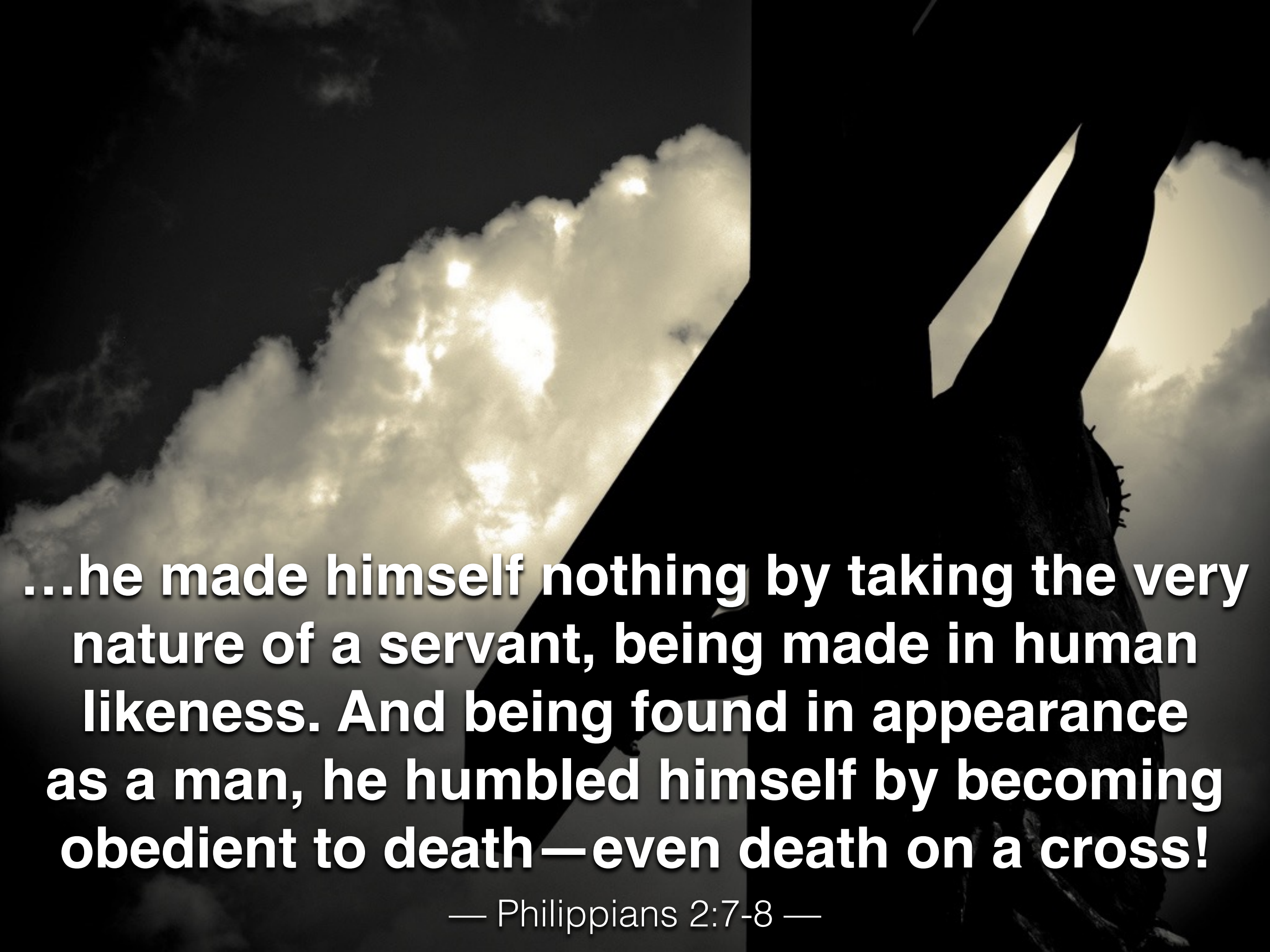


**What I am doing
you do not under-
stand now, but
afterward you will
understand.**

— Jesus in John 13 —

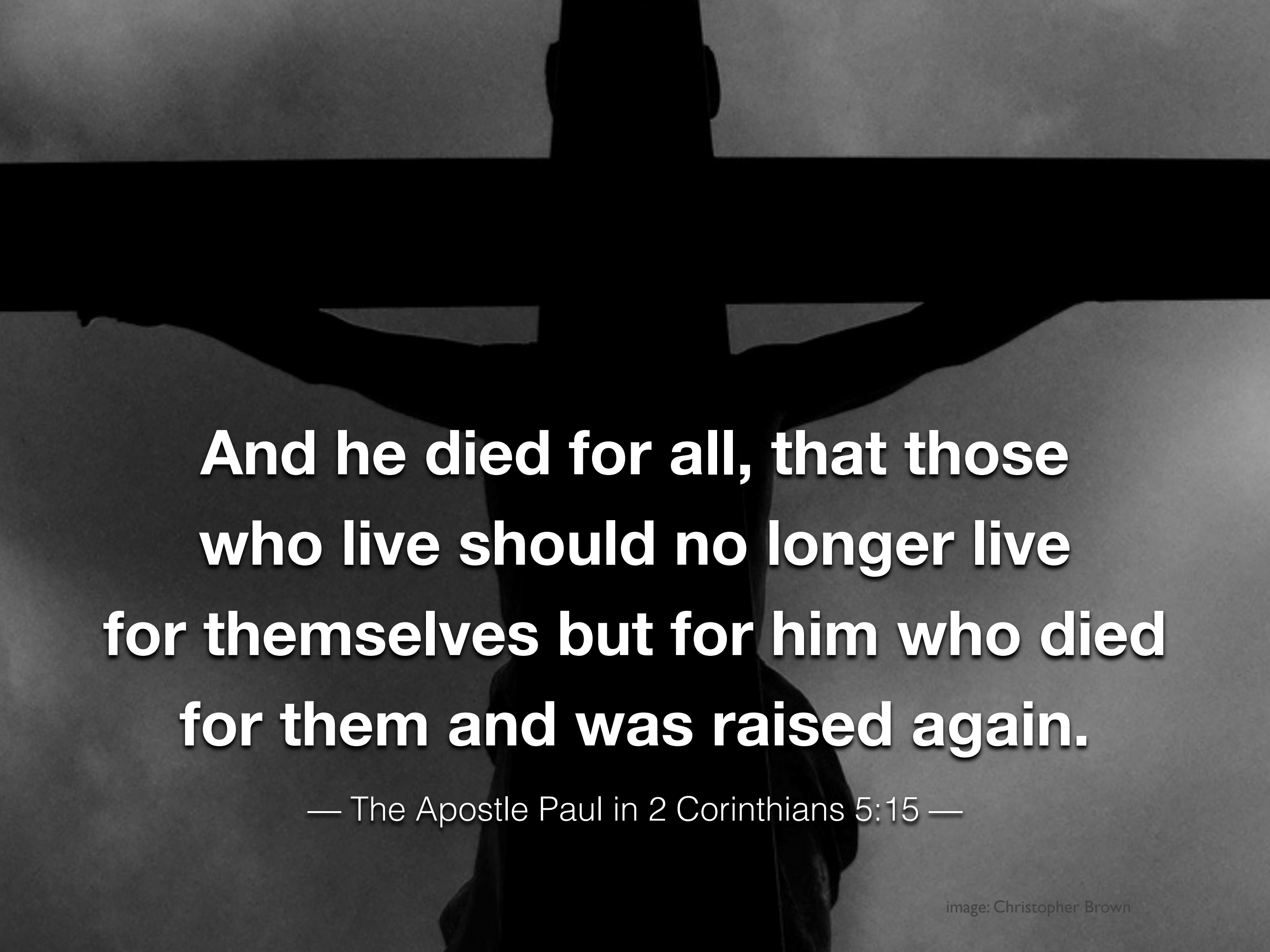






...he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

— Philipians 2:7-8 —

A silhouette of a person on a cross, centered in the background. The person's arms are outstretched horizontally, and their body is vertical. The background is dark with some lighter, textured areas, possibly representing a sky or a wall. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

**And he died for all, that those
who live should no longer live
for themselves but for him who died
for them and was raised again.**

— The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15 —



**If God wants to make
me more like Jesus,
He can't do that
without dealing with
my pride, and working
a deep humility
within me.**



**...learn from me for
I am gentle and
humble in heart...**

Jesus of Nazareth

The Gospel of Matthew 11:29

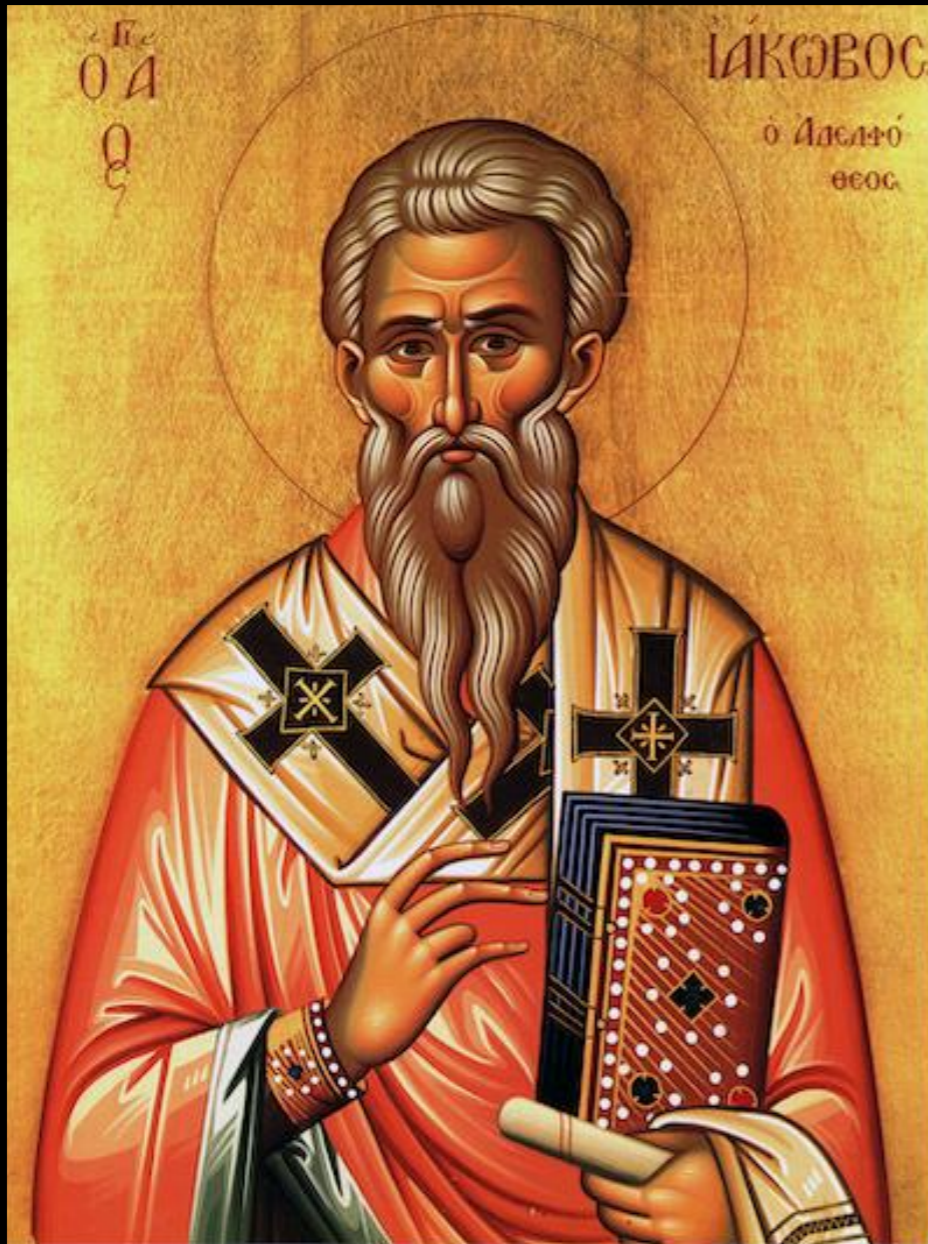
**Do you ever
pray for
humility?**





**Search me, O God, and
know my heart;
test me and know my
anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in me
that offends you,
and lead me along the
path of everlasting life.**

— Psalm 139:23-24 —



**But he gives more
grace. Therefore it
says, “God opposes
the proud, but
gives grace to
the humble.”**

James, the Brother of Jesus
— James 4:6 —

**The pursuit of humility
is not an elective in
the school of following Christ.
It's more like the prerequisite
for kindergarten.**



**Let's learn to be
a little suspicious
of ourselves!**



**Let's learn
humility
from Jesus.**





**Let's follow in
the footsteps of
our humble Savior.**

"I am among you
as one who serves."

~ the words of Jesus
in Luke 22:27

Jesus not only washed the feet of his disciples, but also washed the feet of Judas knowing he would betray Him.





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**Who can I serve
this week?**

Get creative!

**May your lives be defined
by true greatness as redefined
and displayed by Jesus,
the Great Servant of servants.**

