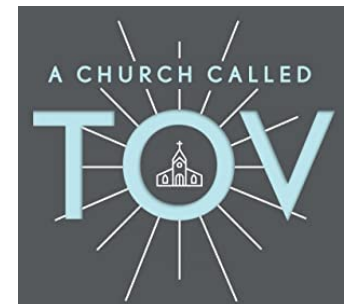
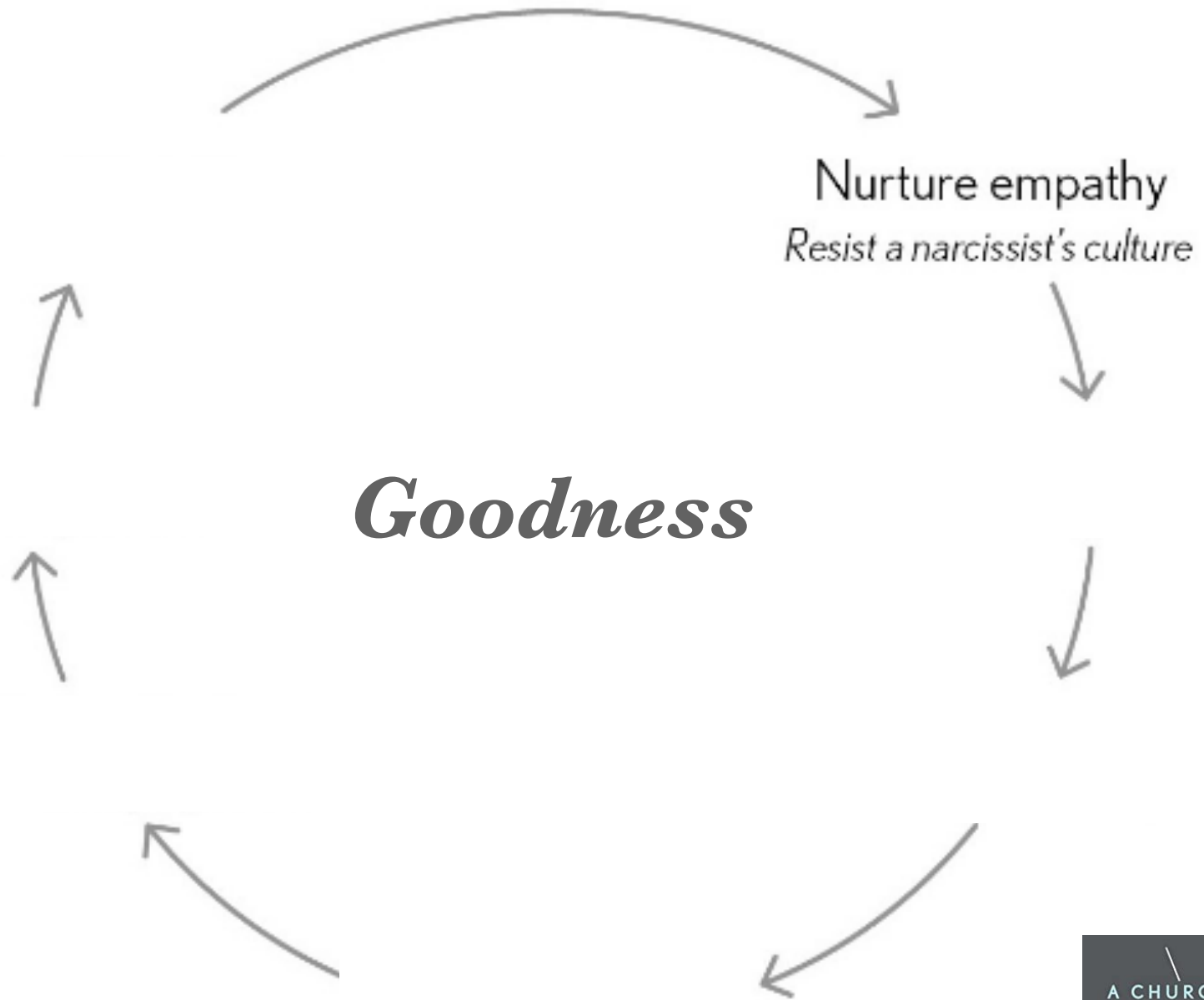


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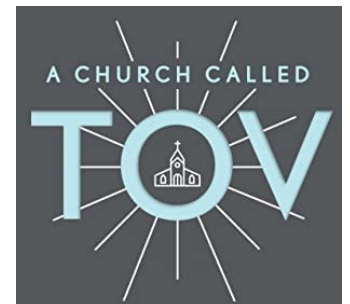




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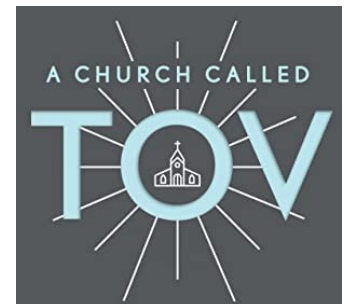


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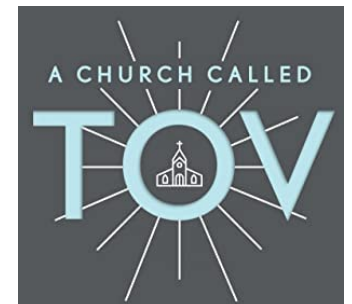
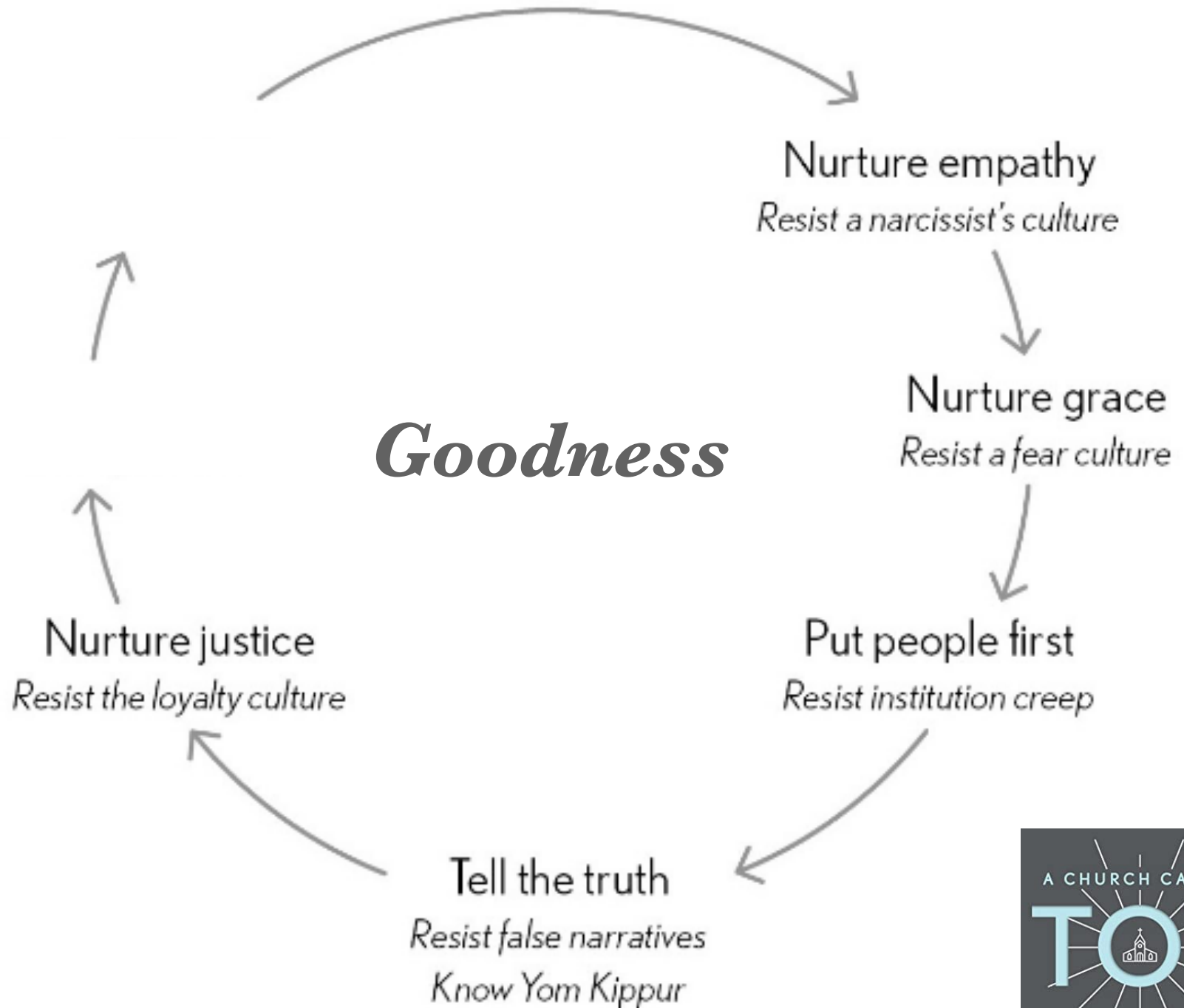
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Isaiah 61:8

For I, the LORD, love justice.

I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

Amos 5:21-24

I hate all your show and pretense—
the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn
assemblies.

I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain
offerings.

I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings.

Away with your noisy hymns of praise!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

Instead, **I want to see a mighty flood of justice,**
an endless river of righteous living.

Hebrews 1:8-9

But to the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

You rule with a scepter of justice.

You love justice and hate evil.

Galatians 6:7

Don't be misled—**you cannot mock the justice of God.**

You will always harvest what you plant.

Matthew 5:6

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,

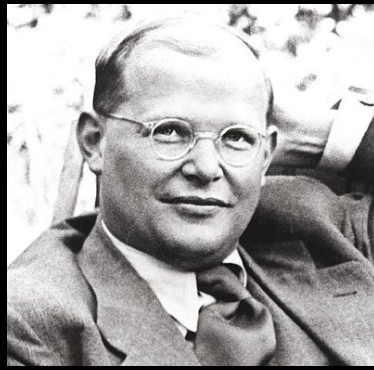
for they will be satisfied.

James 2:1-7

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, **doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?**

Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? **But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ,** whose noble name you bear?



Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Martin Niemöller

World War I

Studying (Child)

U-Boat Operator

1920s

University and Study Abroad

Church Worker

1933

Denounced Hitler, Harassed Supported German Fascism

1934-1936

Worked at a church in London Supported Anti Semitism in Germany

1937

Worked at a church in London

Multiple Arrests

1938-1943

Resistance Activities

Prison

1944-1945

Arrest and Execution

Arrest order not carried out by guards

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak
out—because I was not a trade unionist.

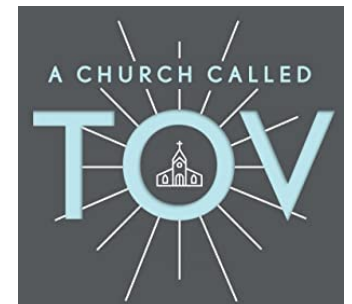
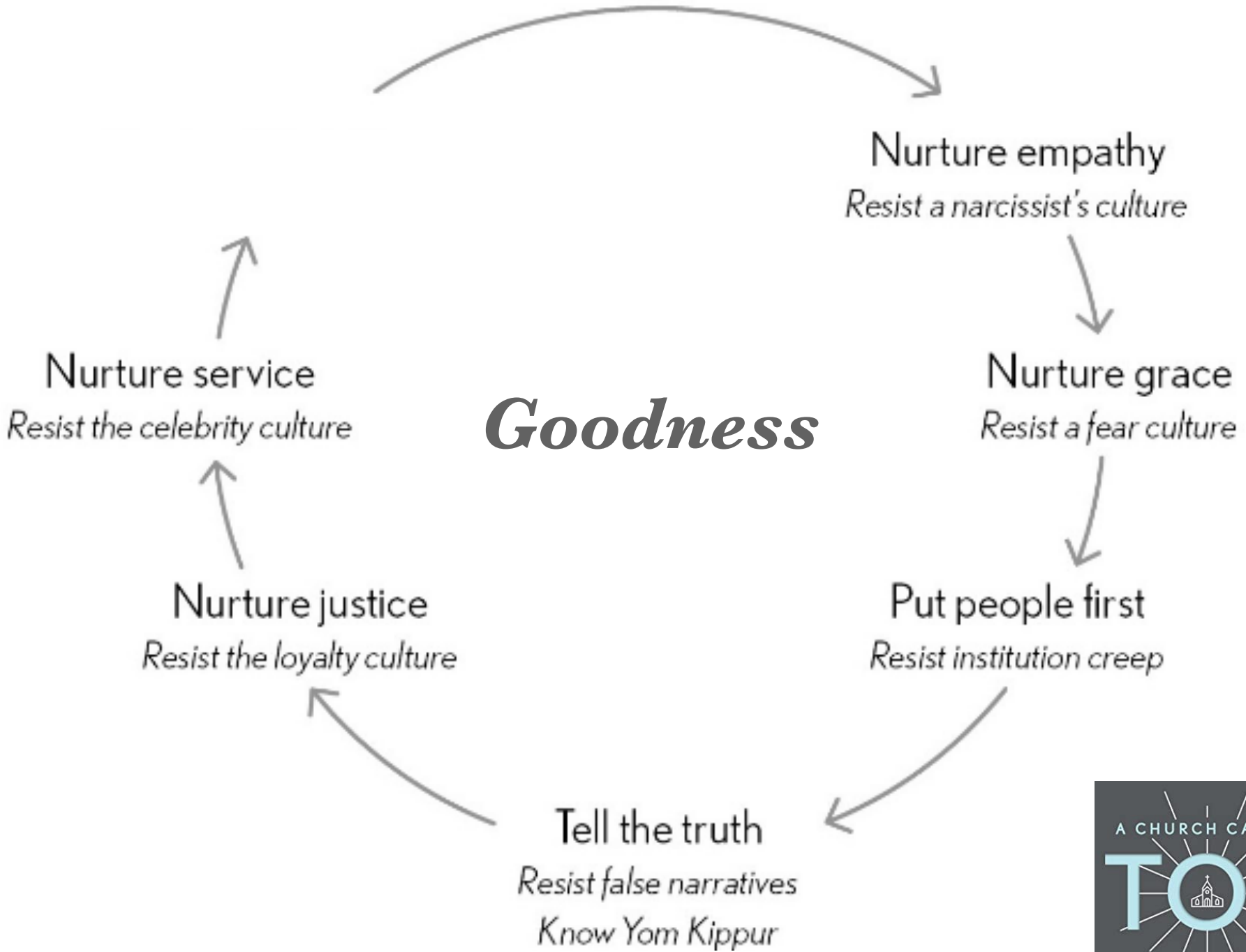
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak
for me.

—Martin Niemöller



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Mark 10:32-35

They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."

Mark 10:36-40

“What is your request?” he asked.

They replied, “When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”

But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?”

“Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!”

Then Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”

Mark 10:41-45

When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Philippians 2:1-5

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and **working together with one mind and purpose.**

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, **thinking of others as better than yourselves.** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:6-11

Though he was God,

**he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.**

Instead, **he gave up his divine privileges;**

he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

he humbled himself in obedience to God

and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

“I didn’t see myself as a priest of a parish, or a lecturer at work, but as living one life of faith in several places. Bit by bit, a few ideas began to germinate about how someone might be a priest in and for their working community.

It would not involve talking about religion very much, unless other people wanted to. Most of my colleagues were not religious, or were religious but not Christian. I respected them personally; I respected their religious and other commitments; I did not plan to give them indigestion by telling them over lunch what I thought they ought to believe. It seemed to me that ministering at work should be more about “showing” than “telling.”

Day by day, I would try to be attentive to the people around me, especially if they were in need of practical help, encouragement or just a listening ear. I would speak out and act, if necessary, against inequality, unkindness or injustice. I would try to live in harmony with my colleagues and students, and to foster forgiveness and reconciliation whenever we fell out. I would look for ways of teaching, writing, taking part in meetings or doing routine administration that made my institution a more loving, peaceful, joyful place, and helped it share those qualities with the wider world.

Finally, I would say every day to God, “Not my will but yours be done,” and wait and see what God did with my obedience”

-Teresa Morgan, *Every Person Ministry: Reaching Out in Christ*

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