

Leading like Jesus: The Stories our Bodies Tell



Social Narrative of Body Reading

“People make snap judgements about a person’s worthiness, competence, aggressiveness and likeability within the first tenth of a second...People rarely revise their first impressions.”

Janine Willis and Alexander Todorov, “First Impressions,” *Psychological Science* 17, no. 7 (2006), 592.





Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidates

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Paul Roof, fired Charleston Southern University prof





Jesus in Matthew 8: 1-17



Our Bodies & God's Mission

Genesis 1: 26-28

Then God said,

“Let us make adam in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea, and
over the birds of the air, and
over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”



Image Bearers



Life For God



Embodied Influence for God's Service



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)

When we think of serving...

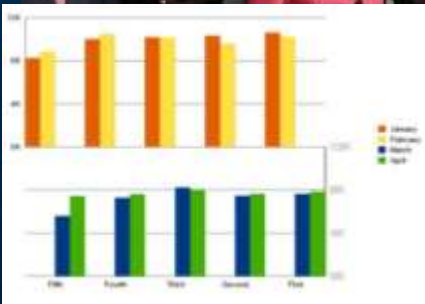


Serving is getting to good... not just feeling good...



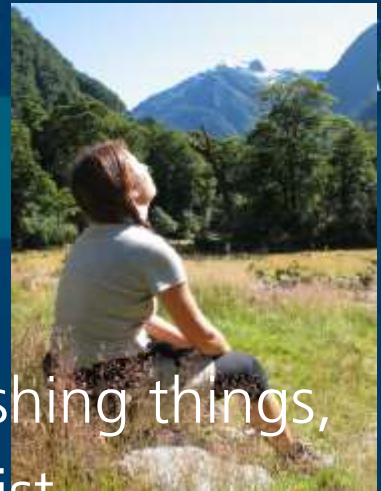
Requires - Sacrifice, Risk, and Affection

When we think of leadership...



Leadership is...

- more physical than mental,
- more relational than accomplishing things,
- more in Christ than about Christ.



Leadership is a relationship process whereby we grant special influence to each other in order to pursue God's transformation purposes in the world.



When we think of power...



Power is...

- Essential for life and significance
- Morally neutral – can be for evil or good
- “Power is the ability to cause or prevent change.” Rollo May



Power is Interpersonal and Emotional



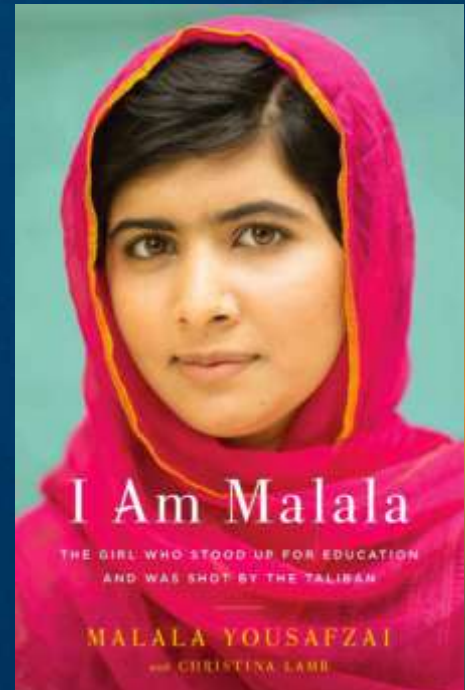
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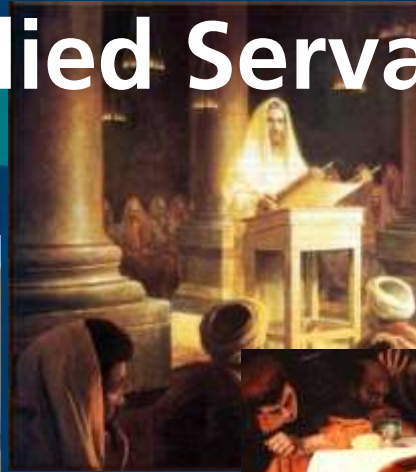
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Embodied Power for God's Mission



Jesus Embodied Servant Leadership



The Markers – World's View

- Gender
- Generation (age)
- Ethnicity/Nationality
- Emotion
- Culture
- Economic level

World's Markers



World's Perspective - Consumer

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Jean Paul
GAULTIER

HUGO
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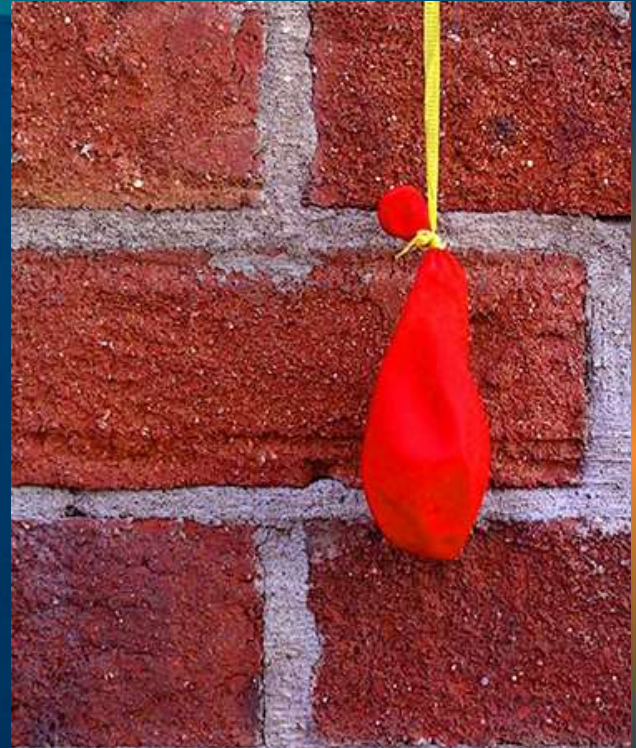
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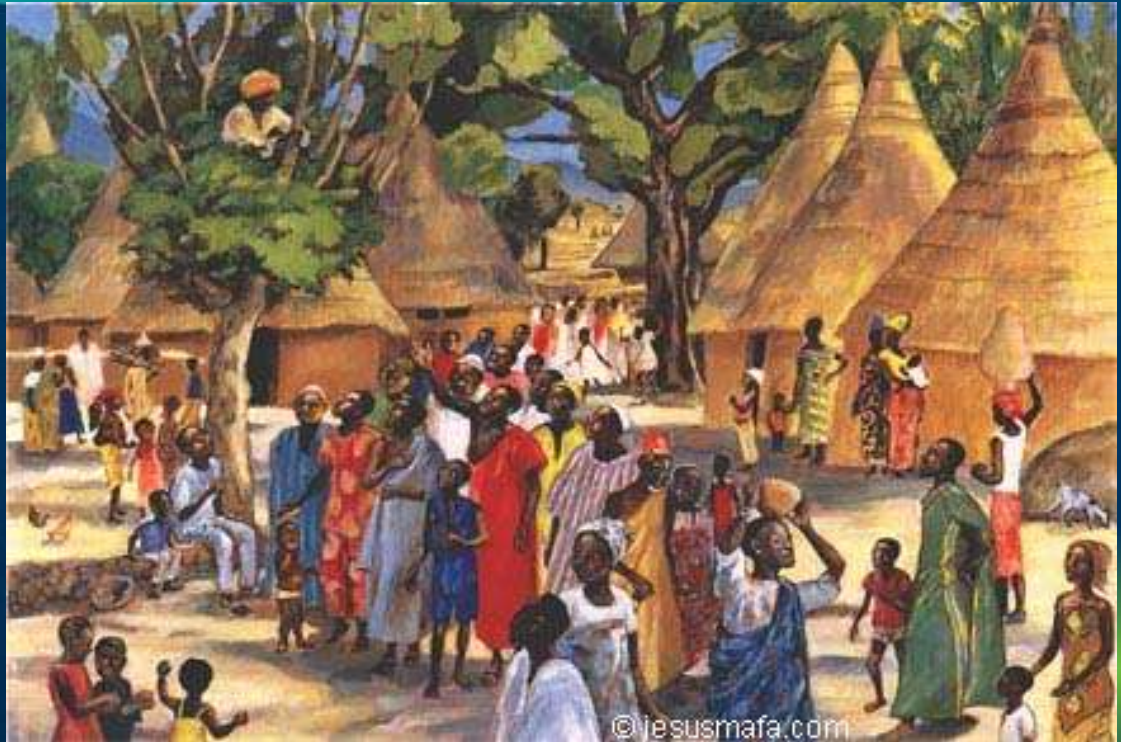
That's me or
That's not me.

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Inflate or Deflate our Image



God's Perspective - Relational



Transformed Perspective
Embodiment of God's
power and service in
mission



Luke 7: 36-50



Believe it in your body

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

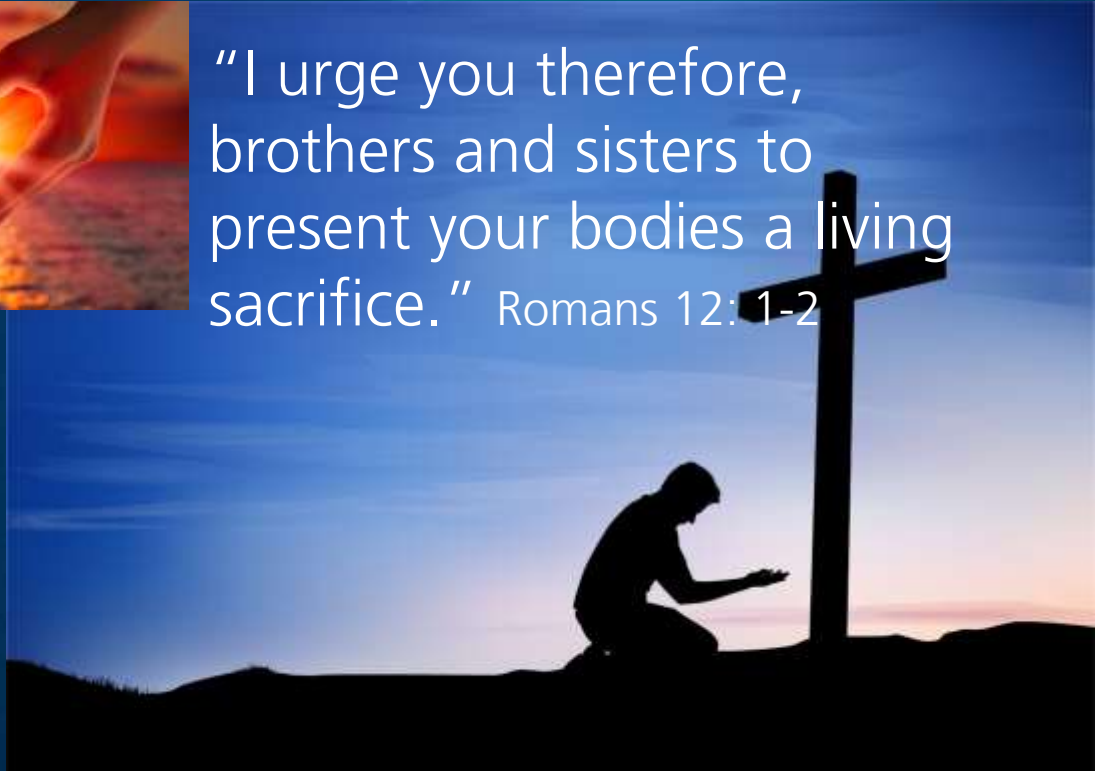
Colossians 1:28



Pray it in your body



"I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters to present your bodies a living sacrifice." Romans 12: 1-2



Live it with your body

Love your neighbor as yourself.
22: 39



Matt.



how do we
change the world?
"one random act of
kindness at a time"

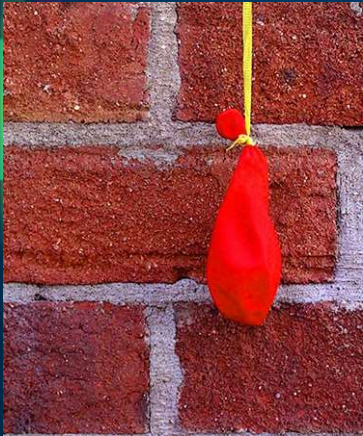


Practical Tips

- Choose to speak 3rd or not at all.
- Notice someone alone, go over, and get to know *him or her*.



Practical Tips



- Go up to a presenter, introduce yourself, and ask a question.
- Sit next to a group of persons different from yourself and get to know them.



Transformed Perspective Embodiment of God's power and service in mission

