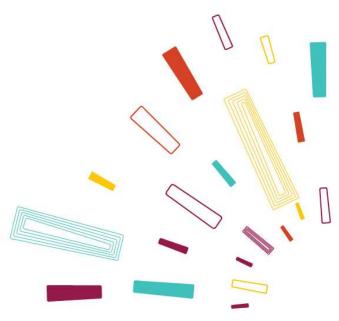
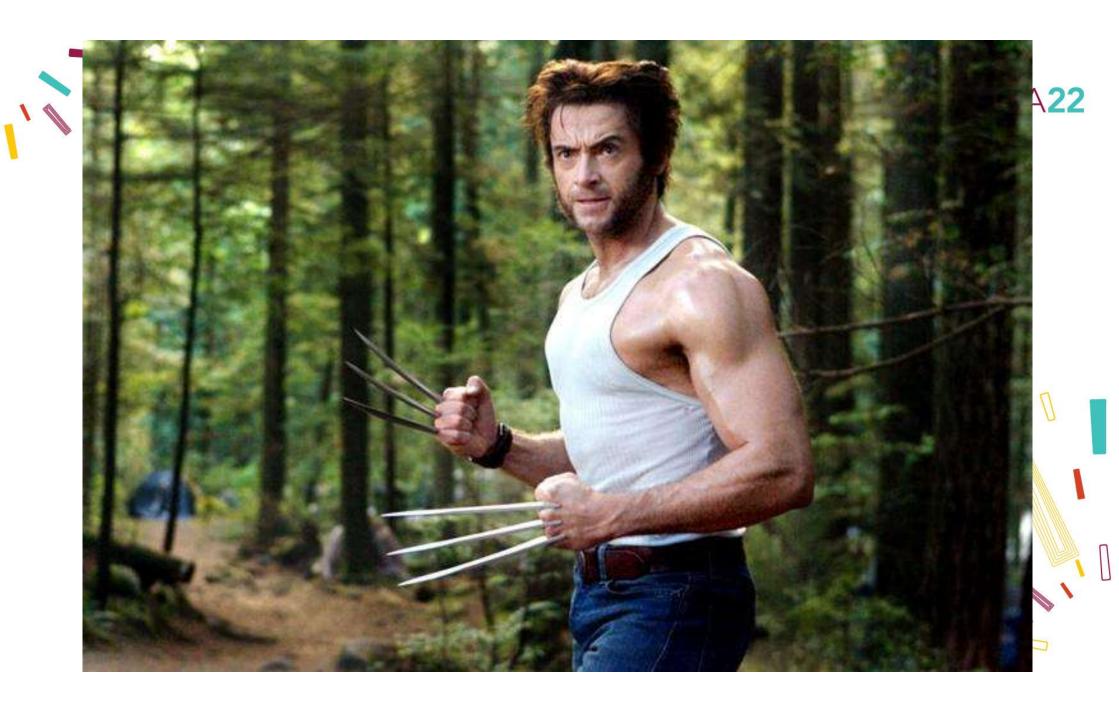




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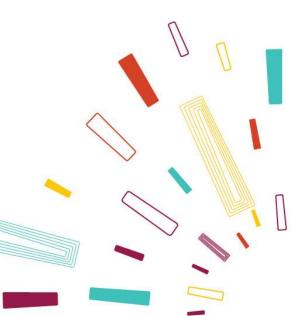








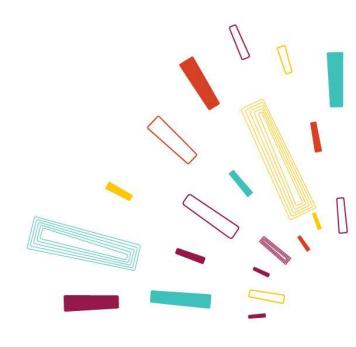


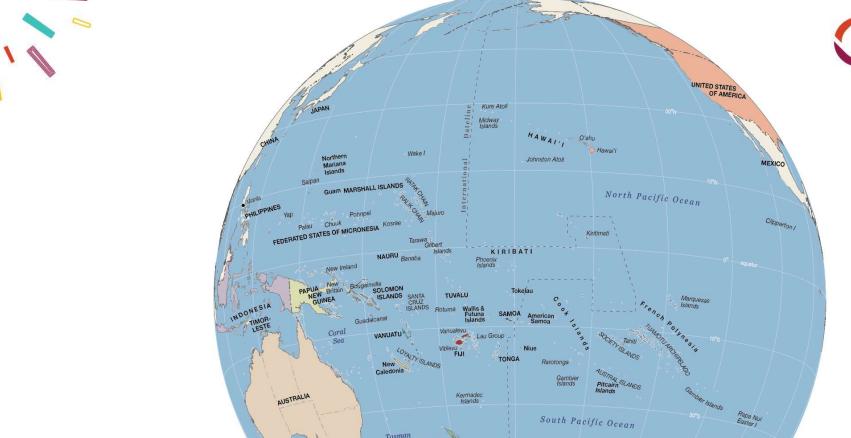






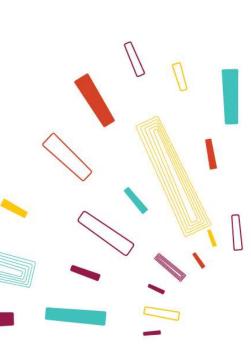






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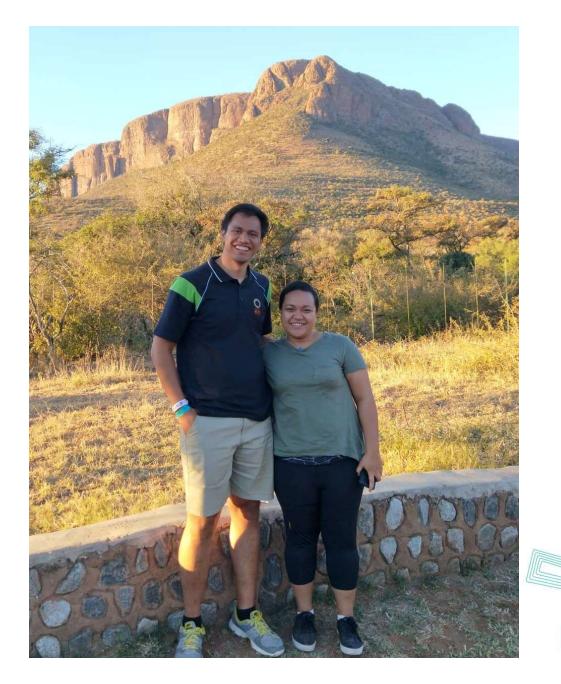




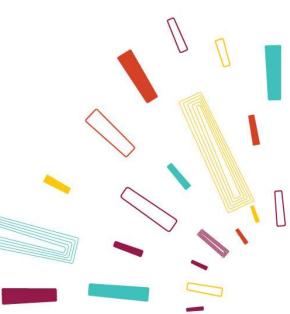




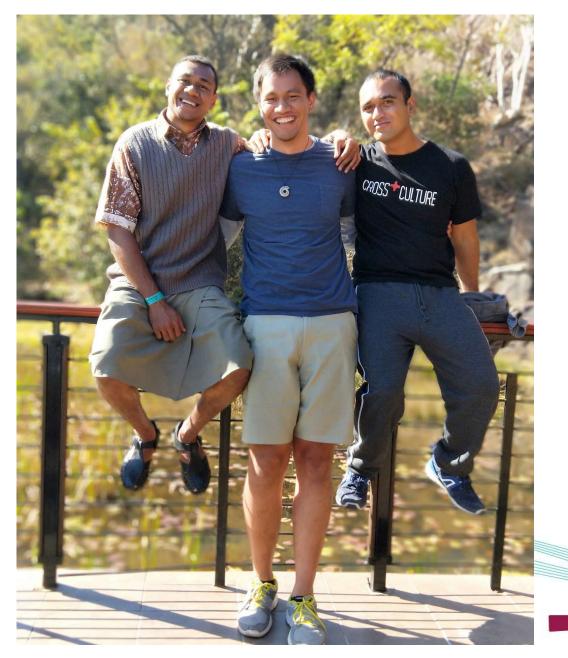




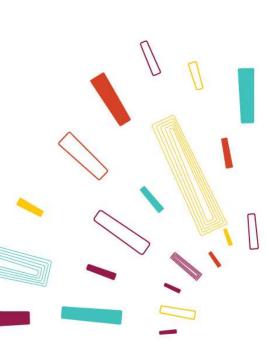




















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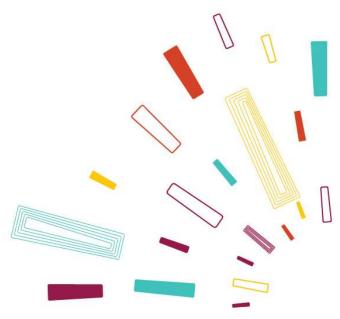






In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:9

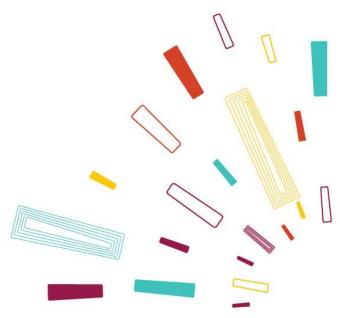






Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 19:21







1. Humility & confidence toward God:

God works out His plans





⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each their task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:5-7







God doesn't need our efforts ⇒ Humility

God will use our efforts ⇒ Confidence

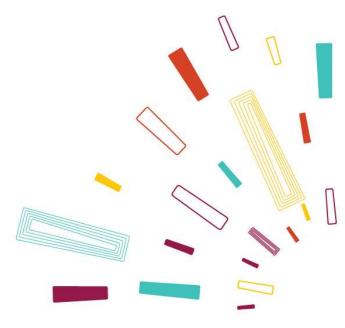
God will work out His purposes beyond our sins, mistakes, failures, and ignorance







Q: Is living for God more like catching a taxi or more like catching a bus?

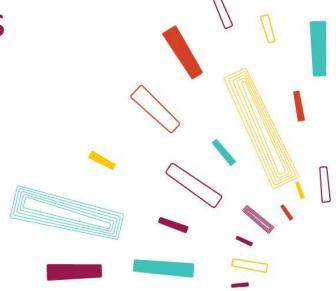






1. Humility & confidence toward **God**:

God works out His plans

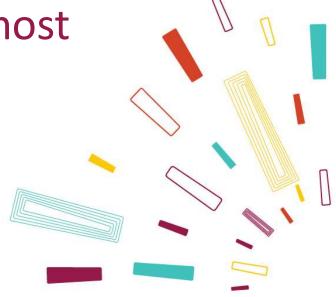






2. Humility & confidence toward **Jesus**:

He serves us first and foremost

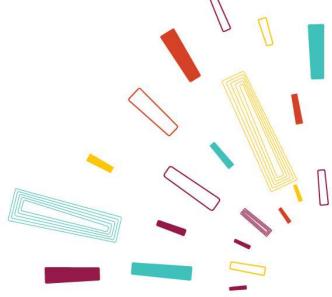






³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:3-5

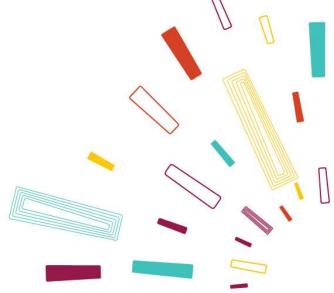






⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

John 13:6-8











2. Humility & confidence toward **Jesus**:

He serves us first and foremost







In humility, we come to Jesus for forgiveness and cleansing.
With confidence, we trust that Jesus has fully and effectively forgiven and cleansed us.





Q: Which is more challenging, to come to Jesus in humility for forgiveness and cleansing, or to confidently believe that Jesus has fully and effectively forgiven and cleansed us?





3. Humility & confidence toward **others**:

Being a servant, empowered by the Spirit

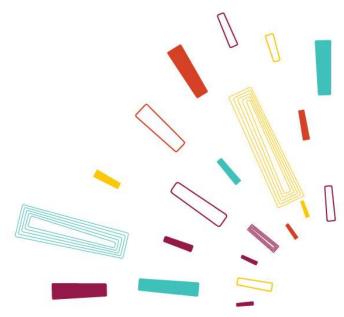






Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Mark 10:42



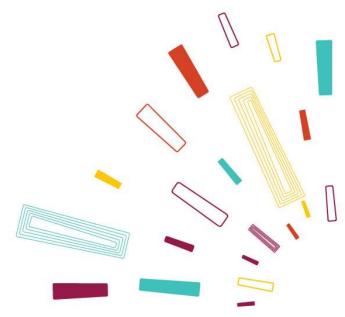




Not so with you.

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

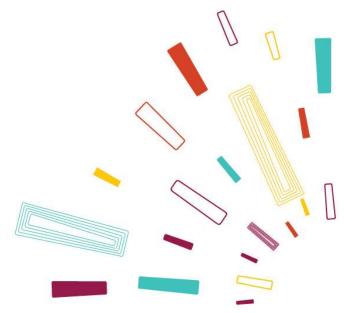






For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

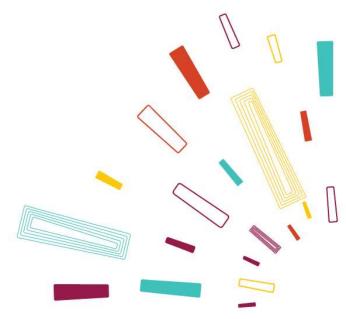
Mark 10:45







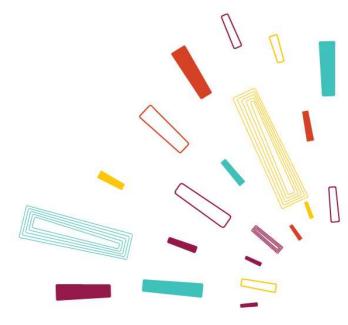
Humility is looking for opportunities to serve (because we have been served by Jesus) rather than opportunities to advance.







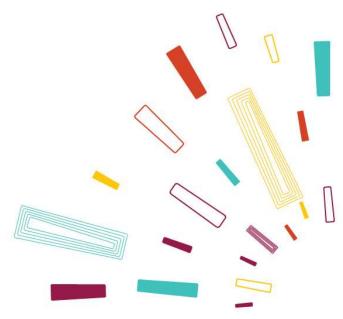
Confidence comes from imitation (serving like Jesus) not affirmation (acceptance or acclaim from people).







Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

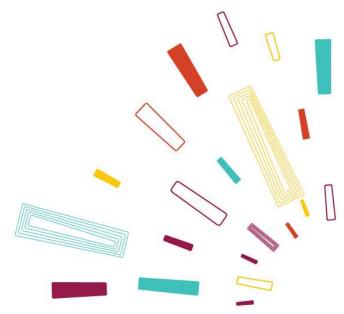






Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.

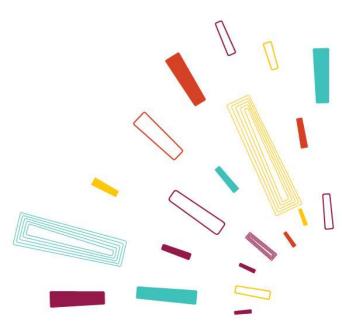
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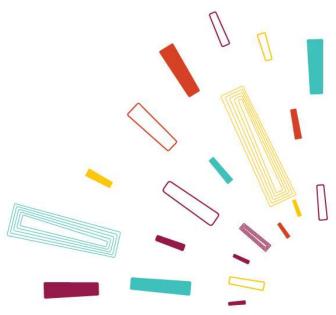
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:







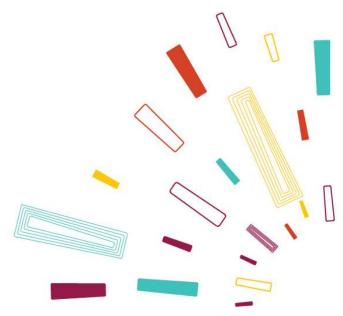
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;







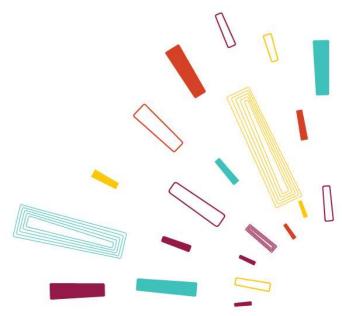
...rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.







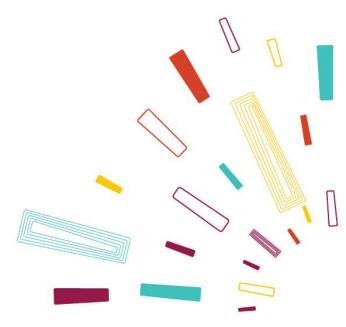
And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!







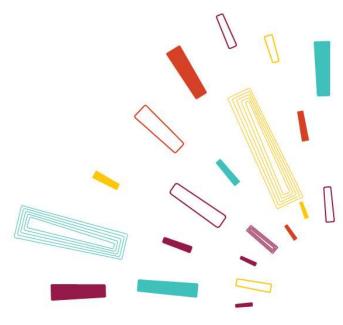
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.







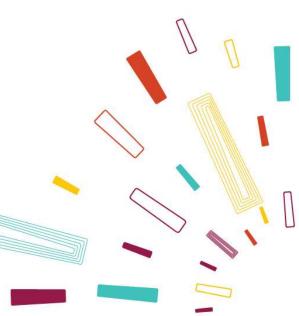
Our humility comes from imitating what Jesus did. Our confidence comes from trusting what Jesus did.







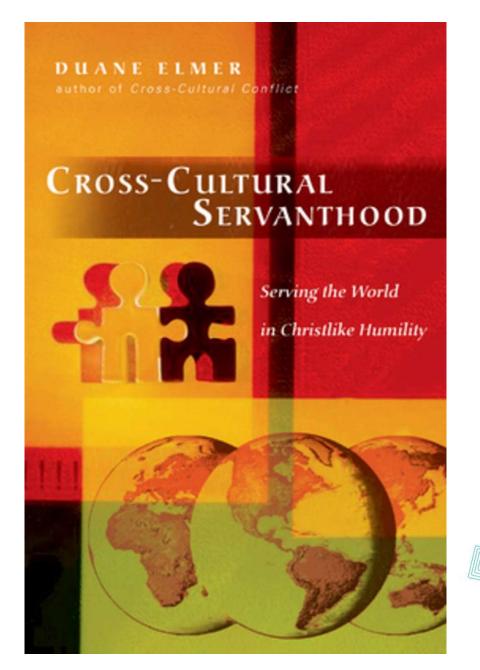




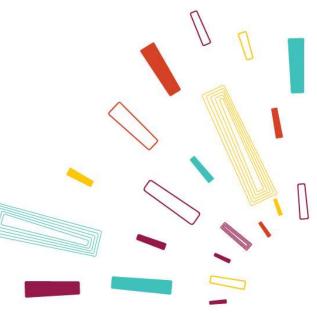




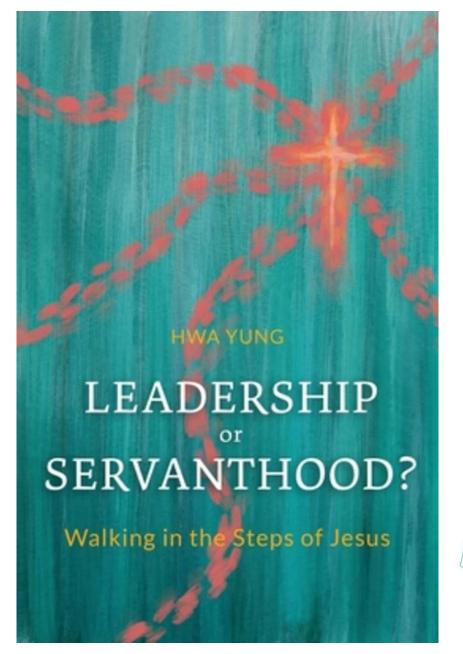




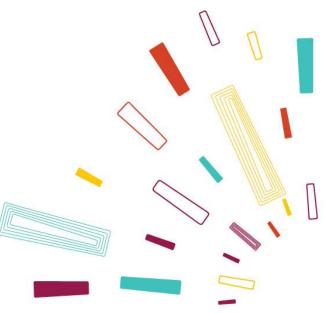




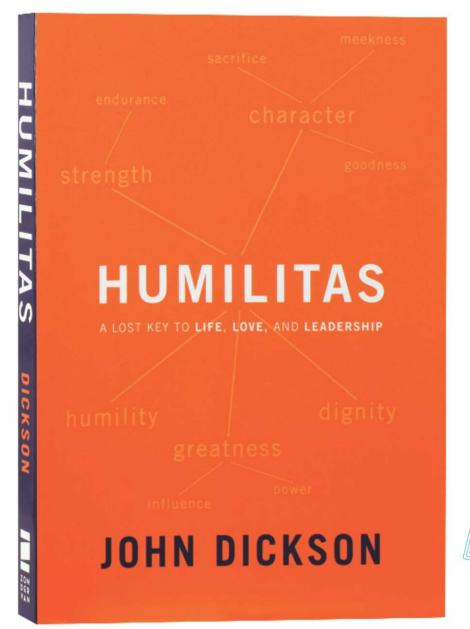




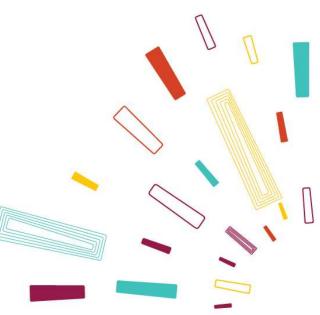
















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