

Practices of Jesus



1 John 2:3-6 (NLT)

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ **Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.**

Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV-UK)

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Matthew 26:52-54 (NIV-UK)

52 'Put your sword back in its place,' Jesus said to him, 'for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?'

Matthew 20:20-28

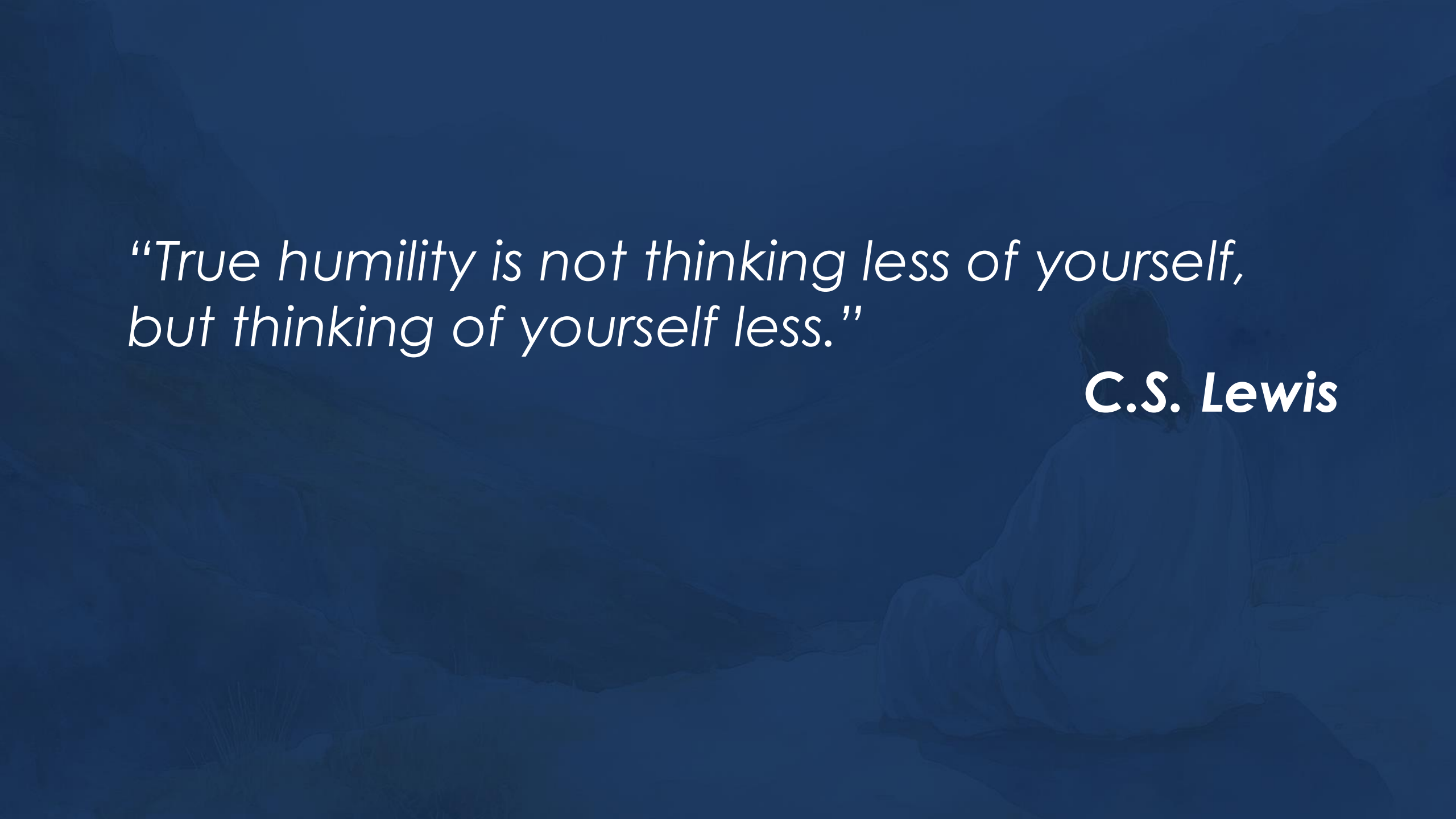
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“Greatness in the kingdom is measured by the yardstick of service.”

John Stott



A person is sitting on a bench in a park, looking out over a large, open field. The scene is captured in a dark, blue-tinted style, with the person's silhouette visible against the lighter background of the field. The person is sitting on a bench, and their back is to the camera. The field is vast and open, with some trees visible in the distance. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*“True humility is not thinking less of yourself,
but thinking of yourself less.”*

C.S. Lewis

“The great paradox of leadership is that those who lead must first serve.”

Henri Nouwen



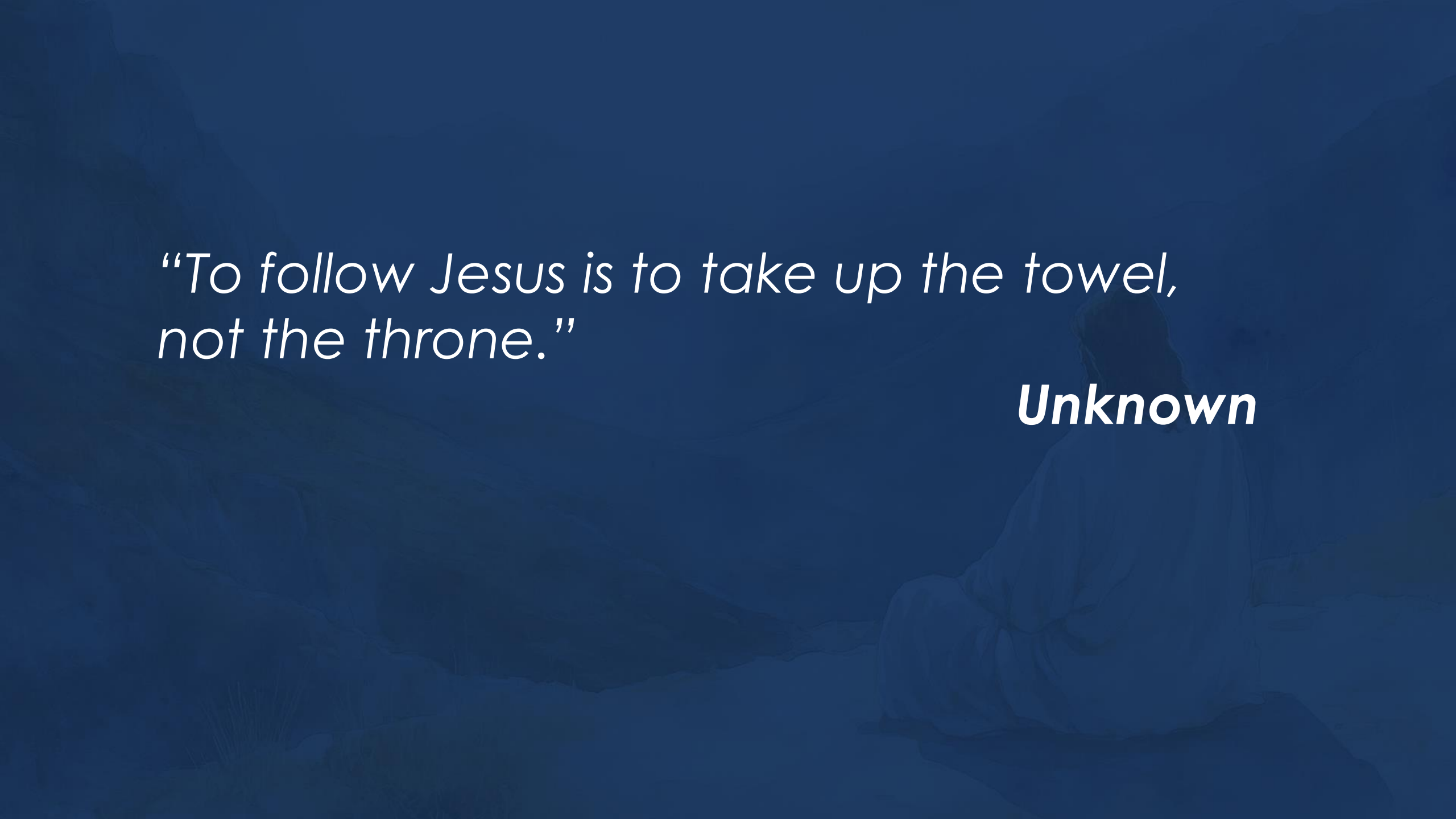
John 13

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12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 13 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13 (NIV-UK)

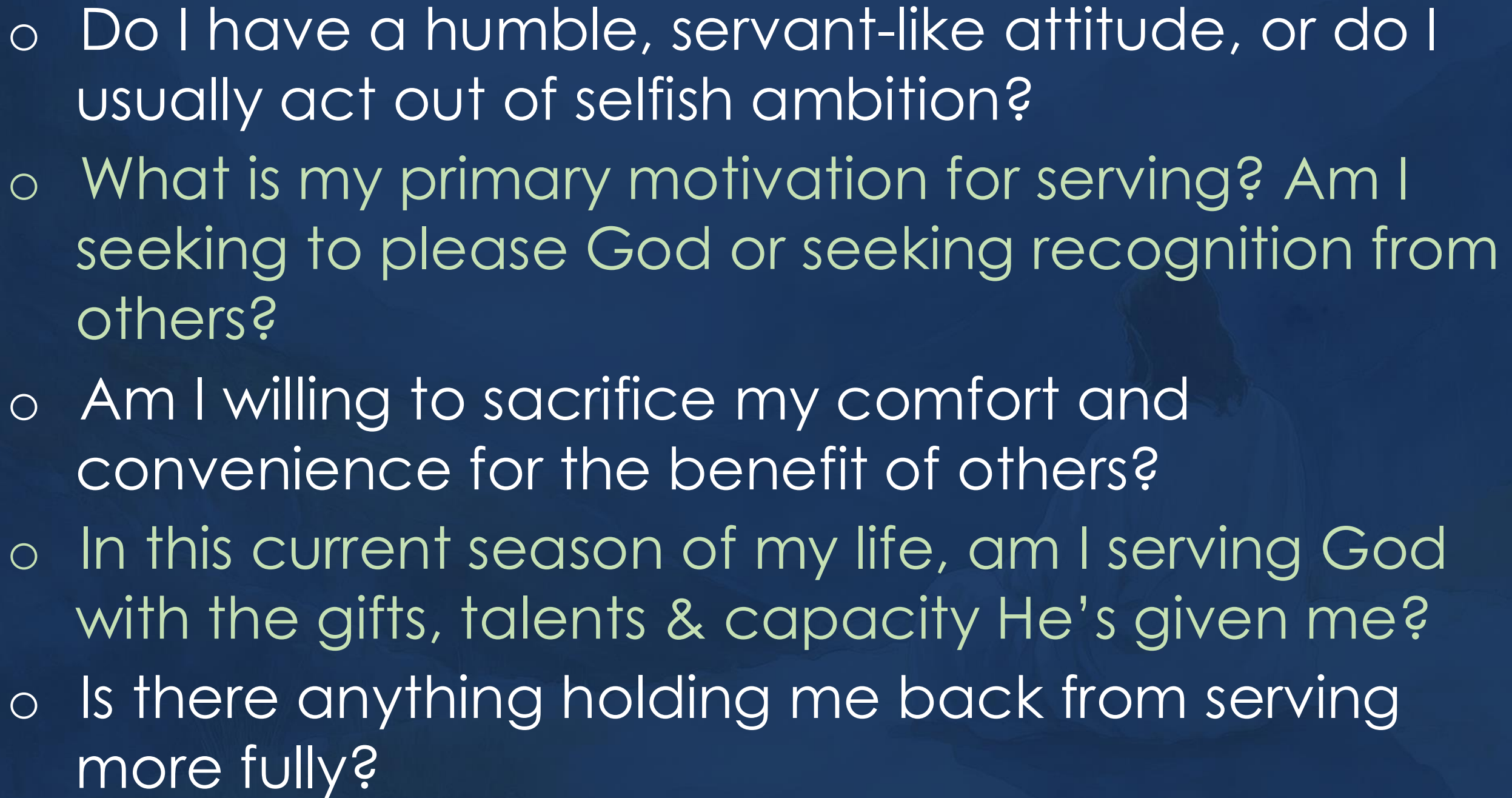


*“To follow Jesus is to take up the towel,
not the throne.”*

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Romans 12:1-2 (NIV-UK)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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- Do I have a humble, servant-like attitude, or do I usually act out of selfish ambition?
 - What is my primary motivation for serving? Am I seeking to please God or seeking recognition from others?
 - Am I willing to sacrifice my comfort and convenience for the benefit of others?
 - In this current season of my life, am I serving God with the gifts, talents & capacity He's given me?
 - Is there anything holding me back from serving more fully?