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**The Church is not where we go, it
is who we are.**

**We don't go to Church, WE ARE
CHURCH.**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

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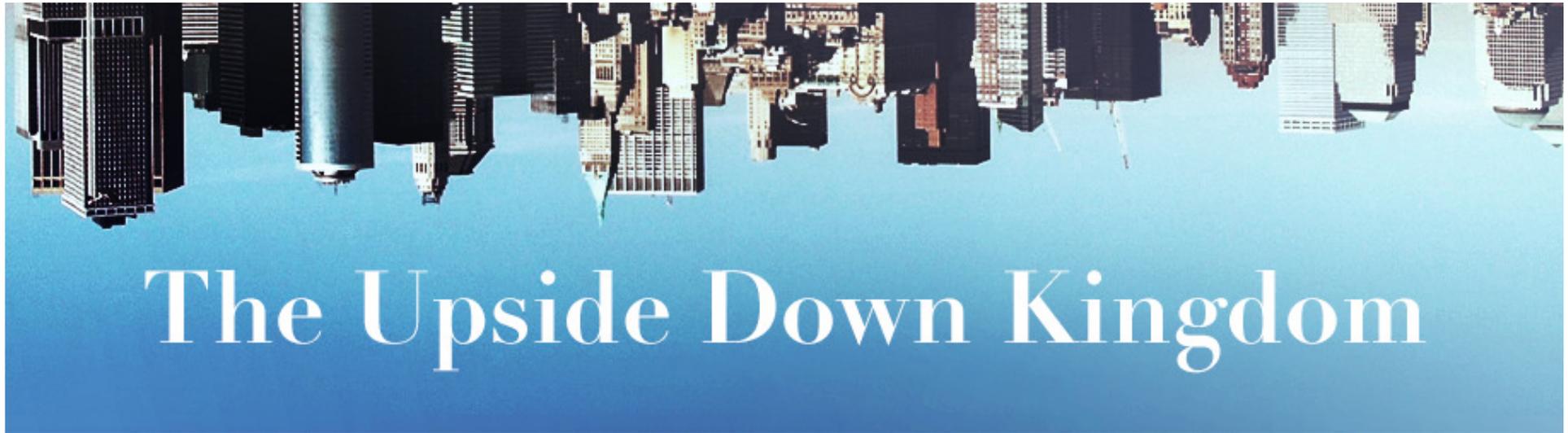
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**The greatest you can ever become in the
kingdom of God is a servant**

“Diotrephes, who loveth to have pre-eminence.” (KJV)

3 John 9

“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an
apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...”

Romans 1:1

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

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

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. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them...

John 13:3-17



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"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:37-40)

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Phil. 2:5-7

- **He gave up his riches.** 2 Cor.8:9 “though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”
- **He gave up his heavenly glory.** John 17:4, 5 “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”
- **He gave up the independent exercise of authority.** John 5:30 “I so not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.”

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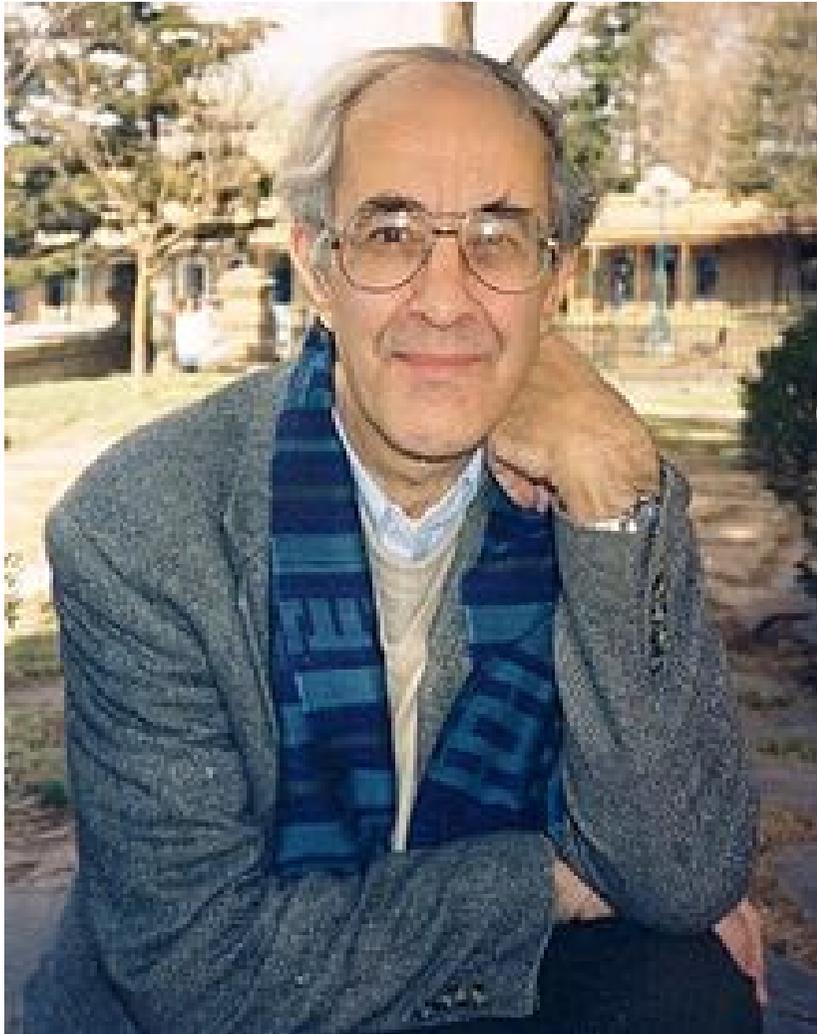
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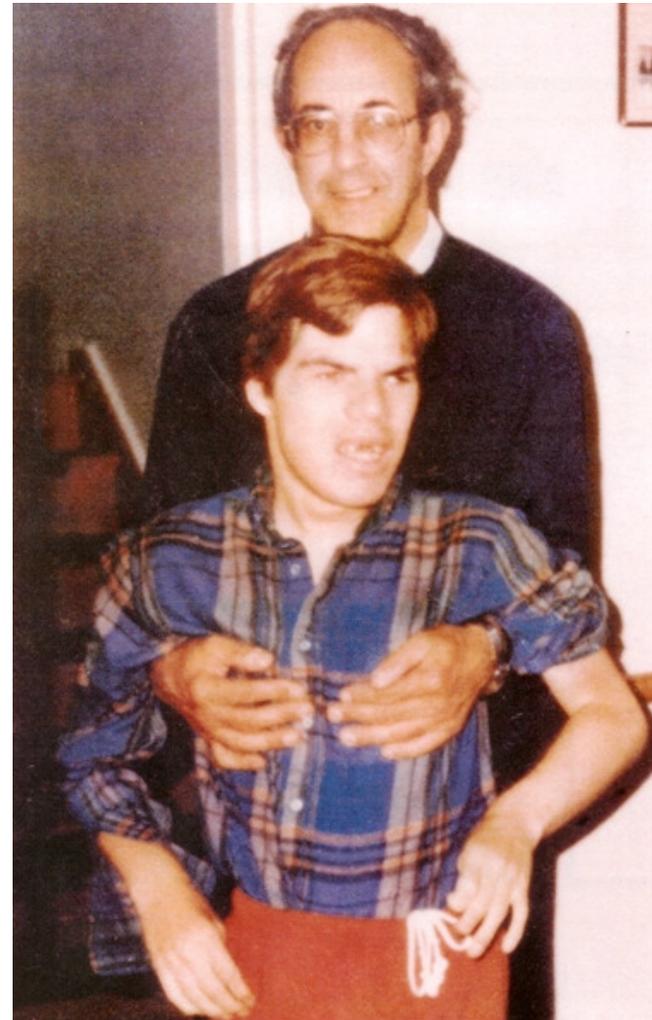
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Henri Nouwen



'I am not giving up anything... It is I, not Adam, who gets the main benefit from our friendship.'

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