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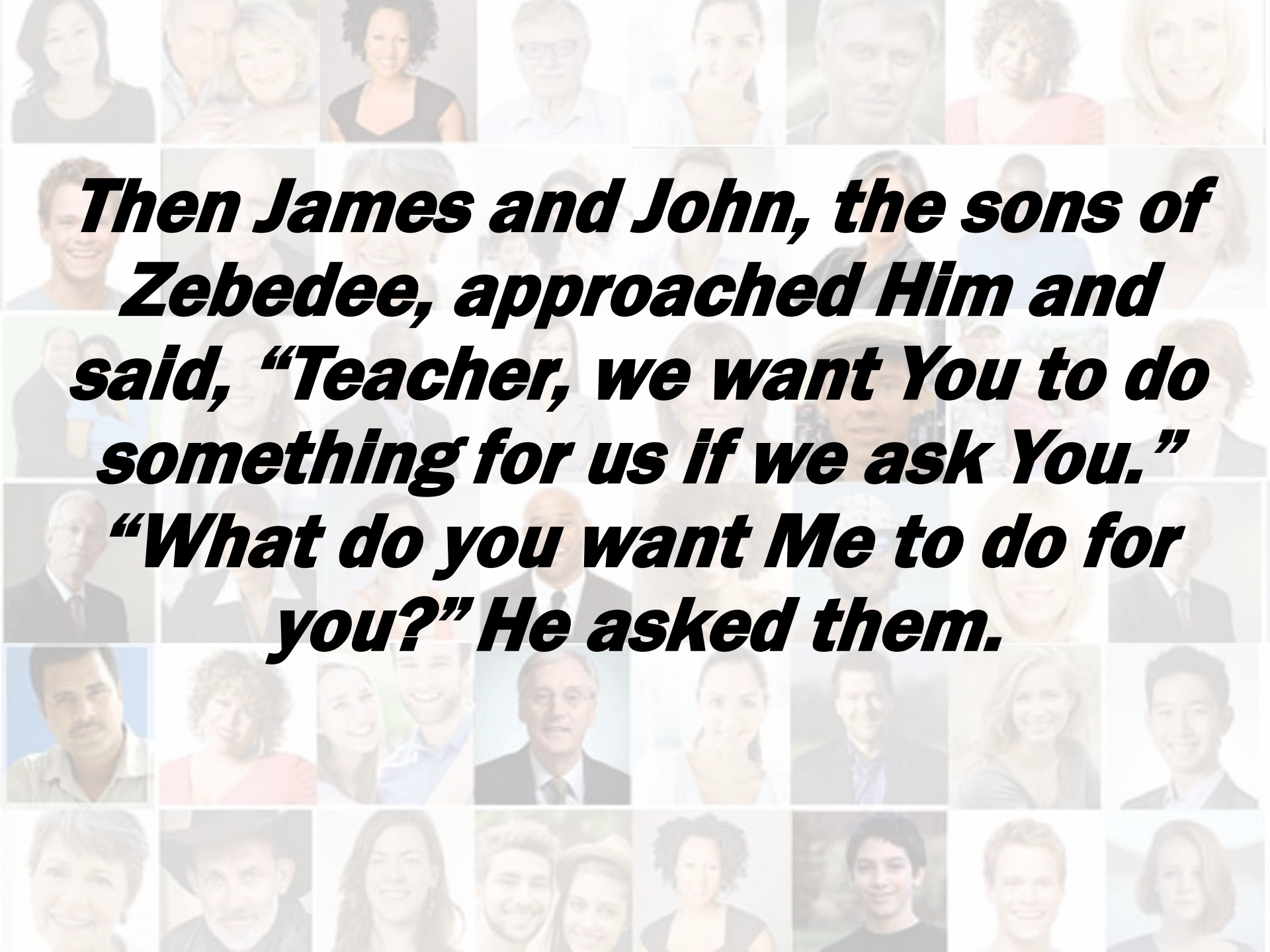
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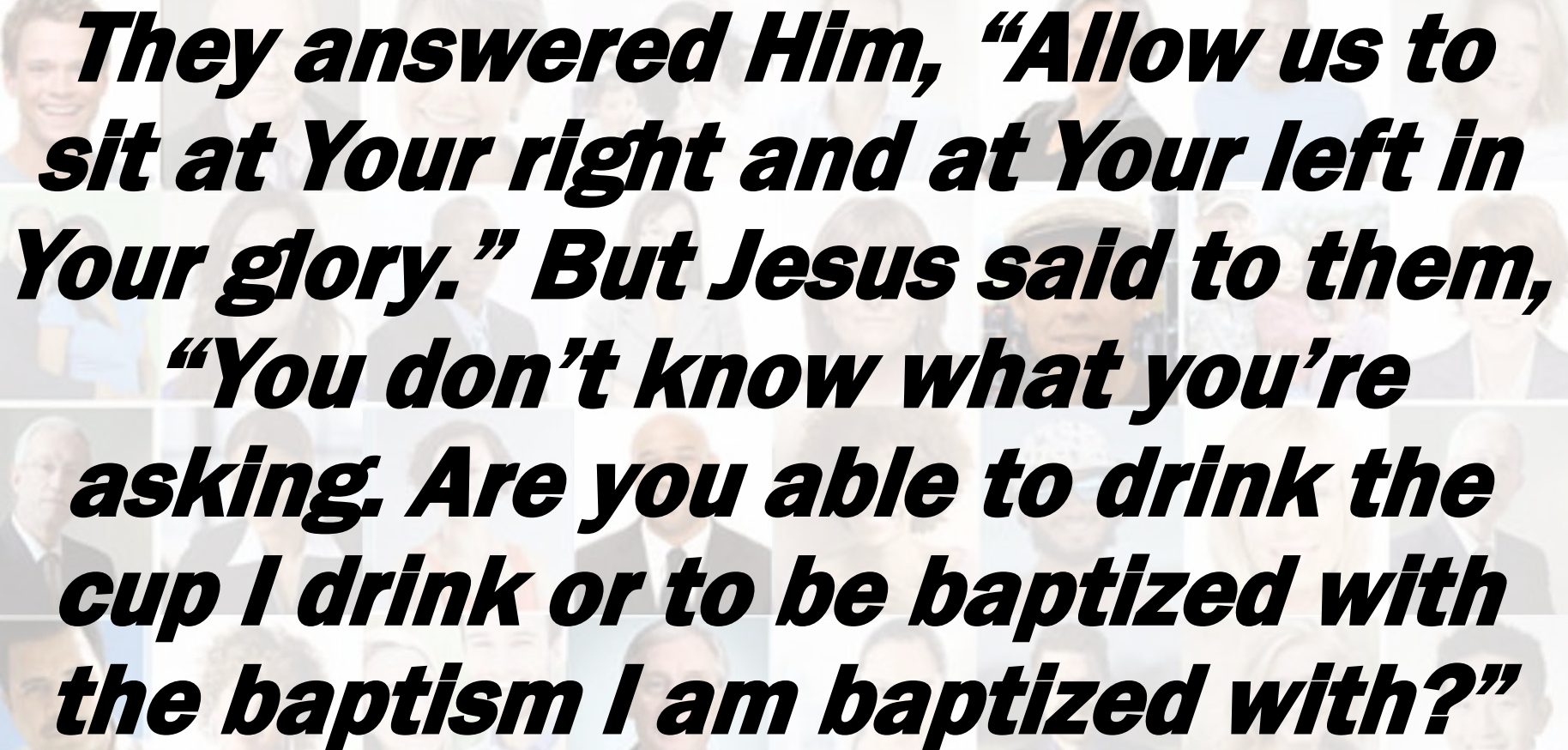
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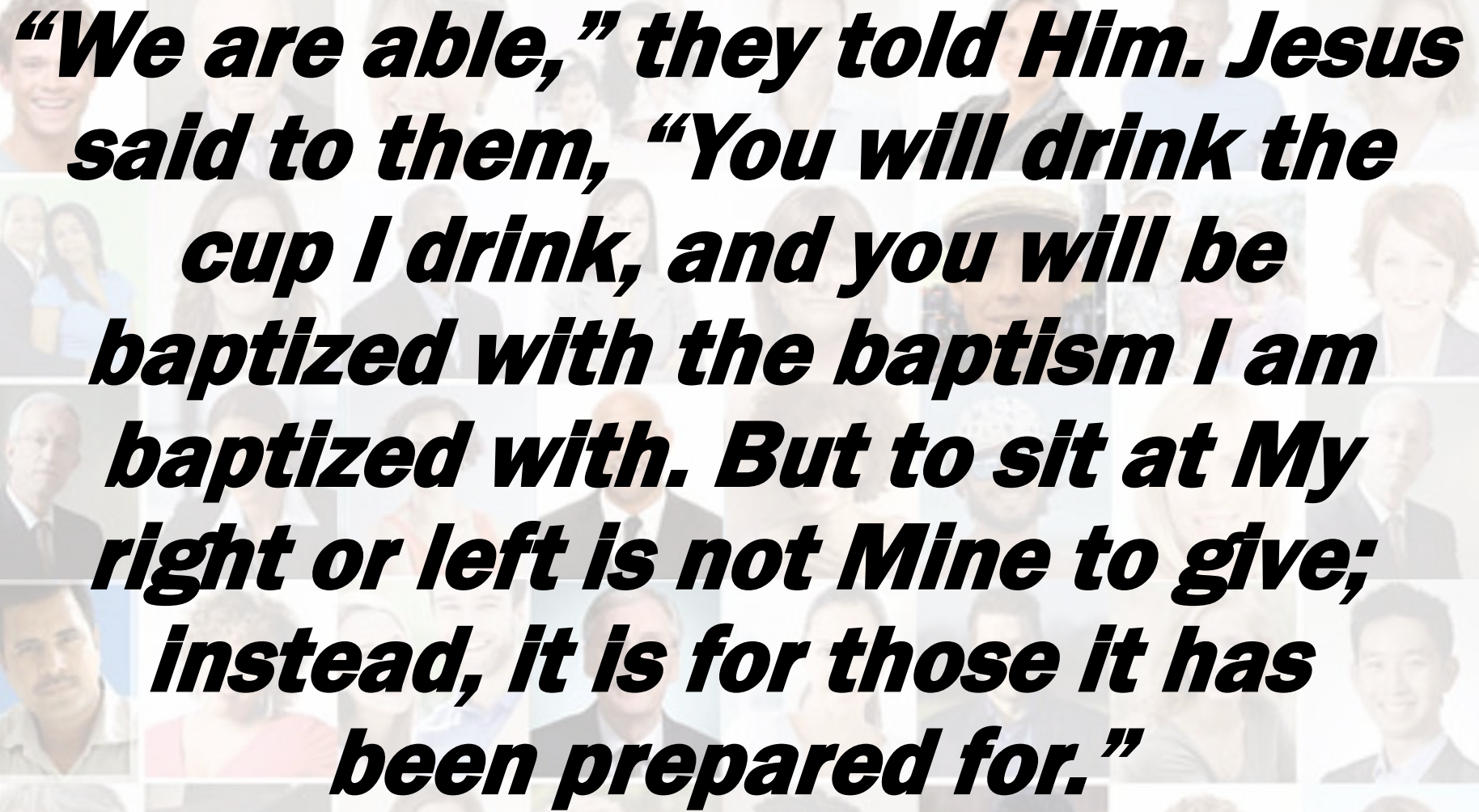
**Mark 10:35-45**



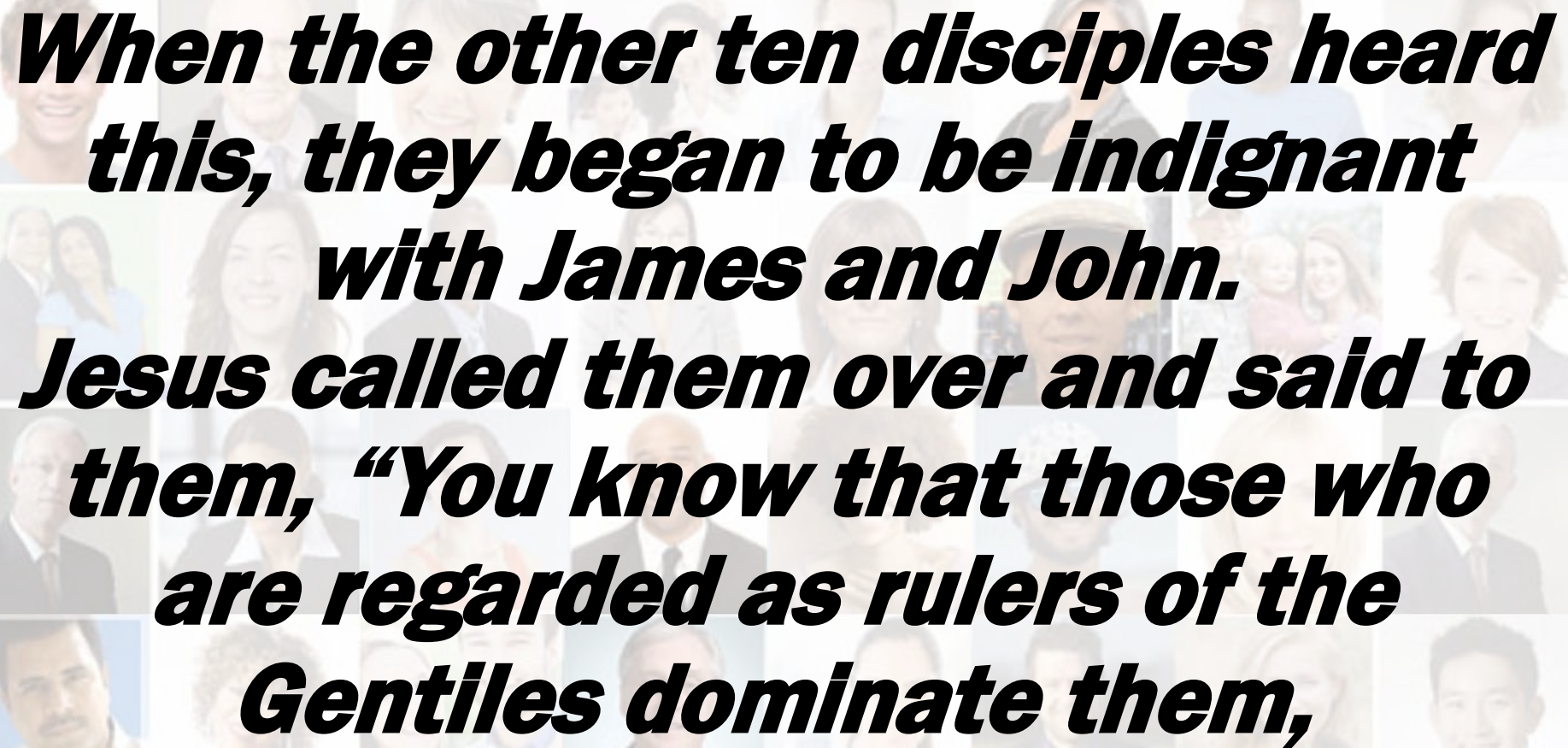
***Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Him and said, “Teacher, we want You to do something for us if we ask You.” “What do you want Me to do for you?” He asked them.***



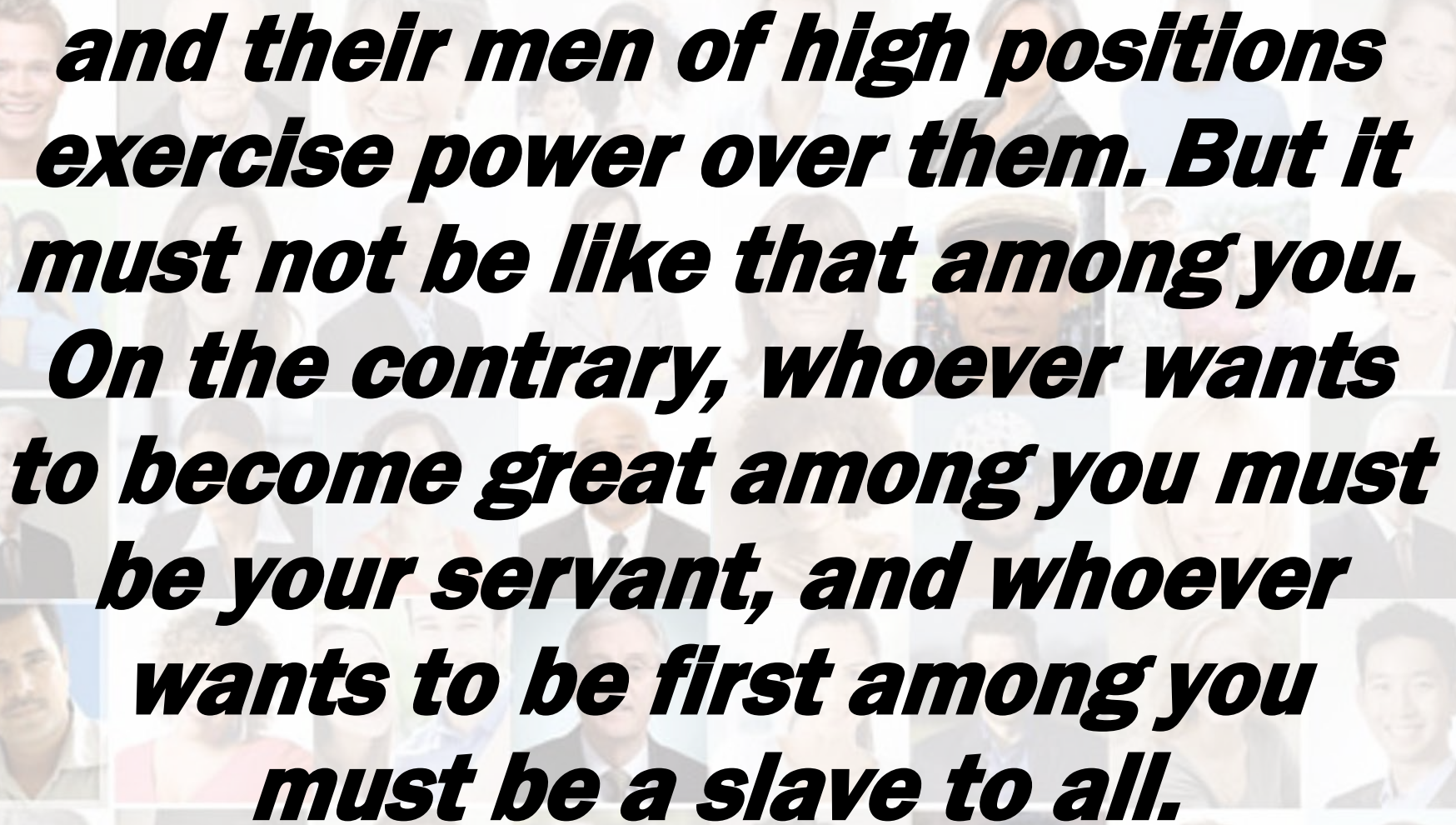
***They answered Him, “Allow us to sit at Your right and at Your left in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you’re asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”***

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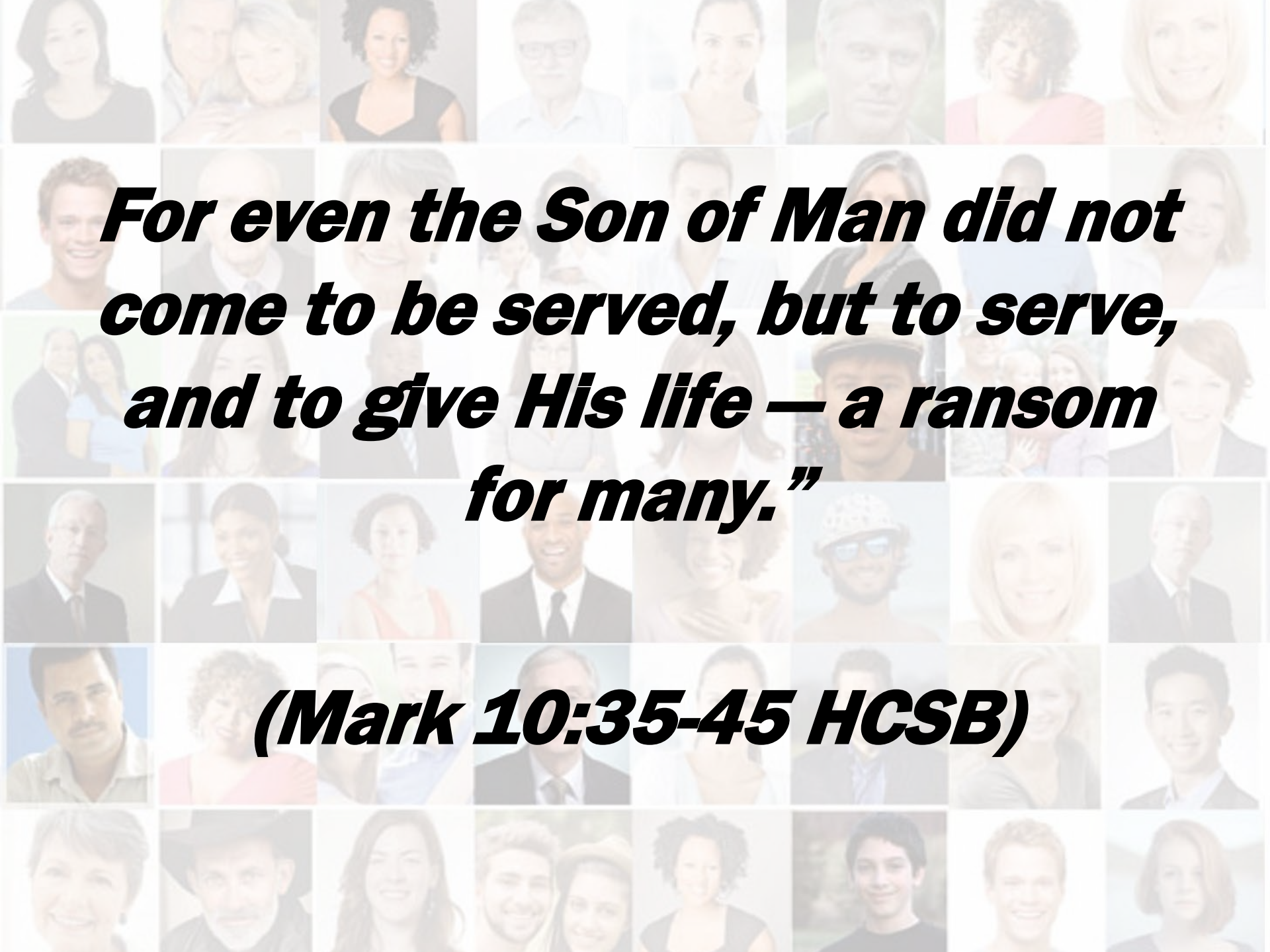
***“We are able,” they told Him. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. But to sit at My right or left is not Mine to give; instead, it is for those it has been prepared for.”***



***When the other ten disciples heard this, they began to be indignant with James and John. Jesus called them over and said to them, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles dominate them,***

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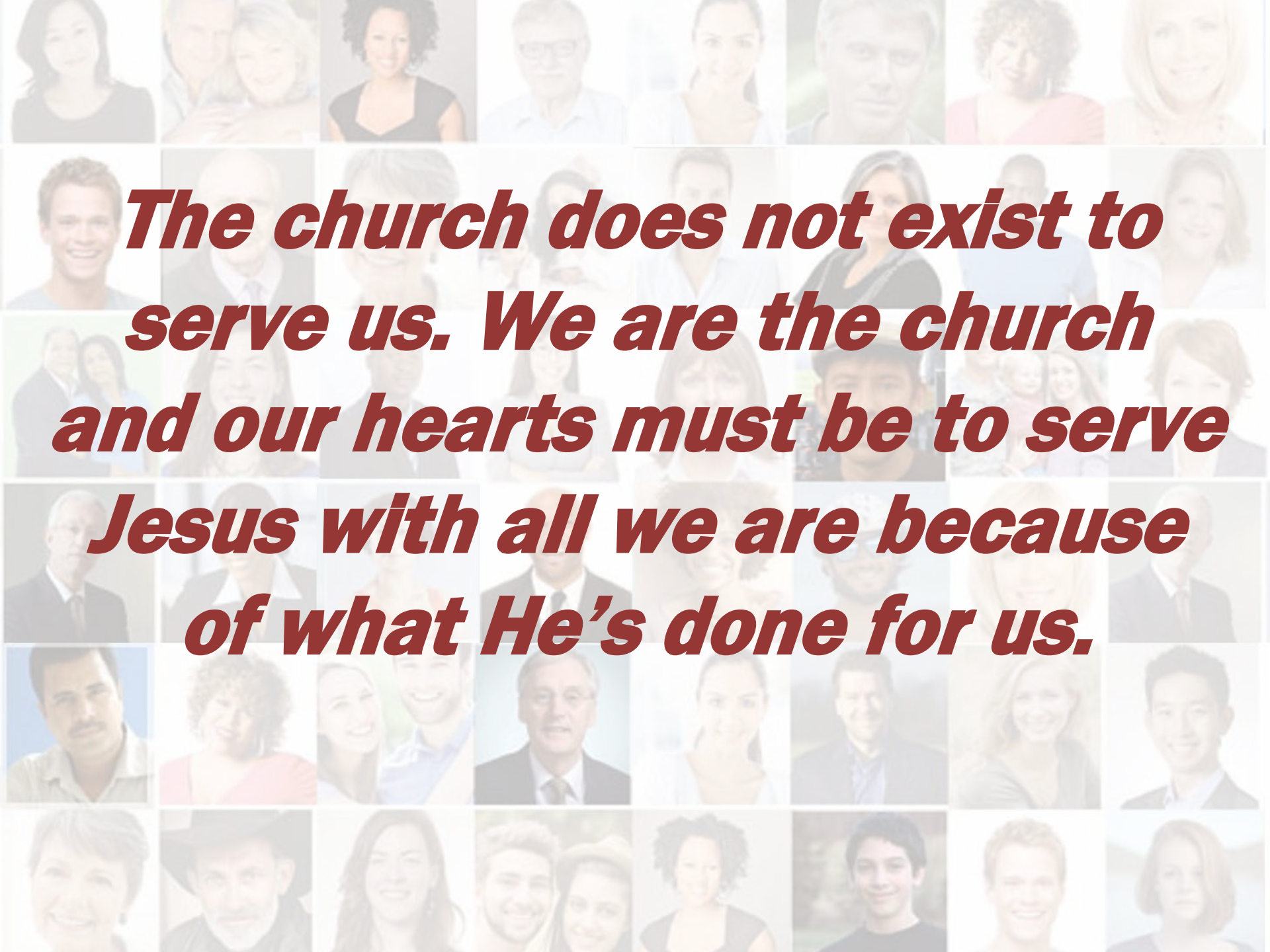
***and their men of high positions  
exercise power over them. But it  
must not be like that among you.  
On the contrary, whoever wants  
to become great among you must  
be your servant, and whoever  
wants to be first among you  
must be a slave to all.***

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***For even the Son of Man did not  
come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life — a ransom  
for many.”***

***(Mark 10:35-45 HCSB)***





***The church does not exist to  
serve us. We are the church  
and our hearts must be to serve  
Jesus with all we are because  
of what He's done for us.***



**SELFISH AMBITION  
HELPS NO ONE**

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***If anyone would come after Me, he  
must deny himself, take up his  
cross daily, and follow Me.***

***(Luke 9:23)***

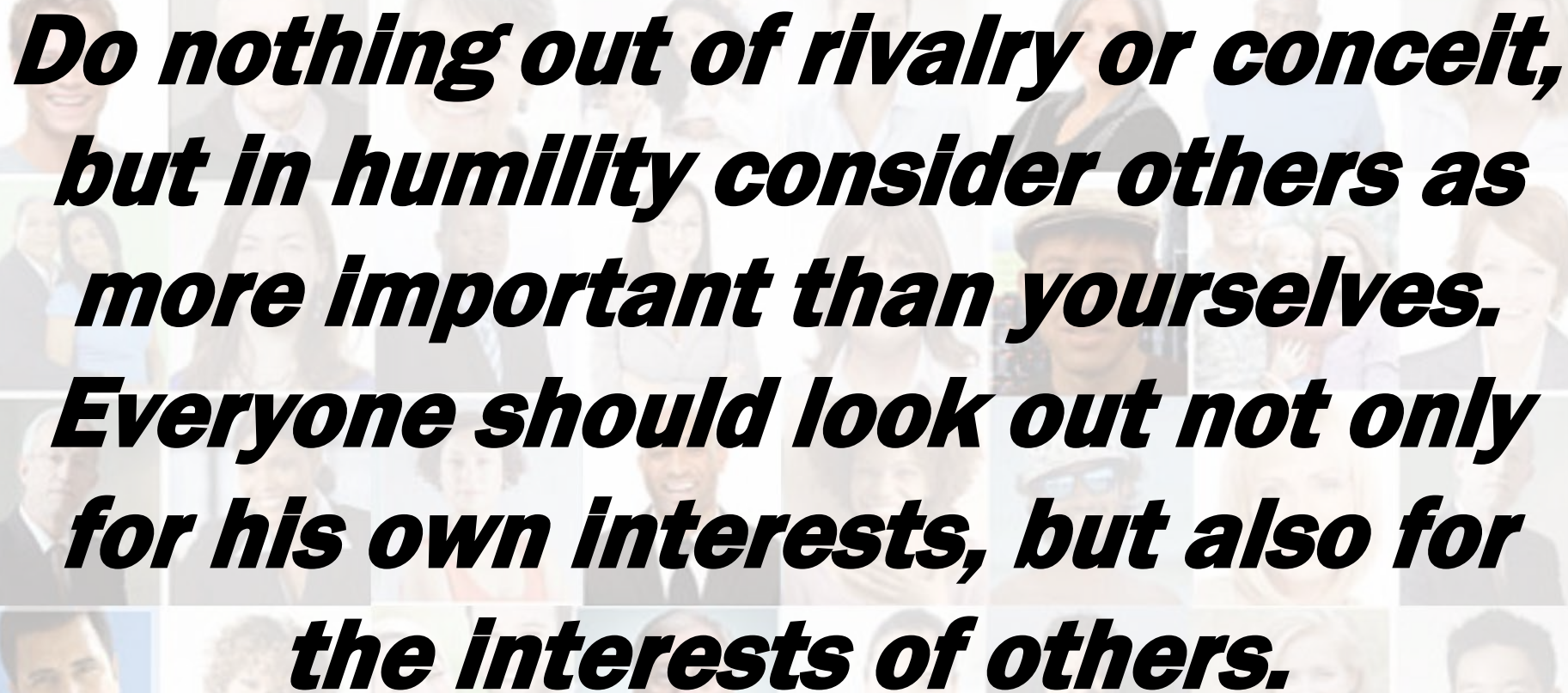
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**“They would rather bear a  
grudge than a cross.”**

**(David Garland)**



**GREATNESS  
COMES IN  
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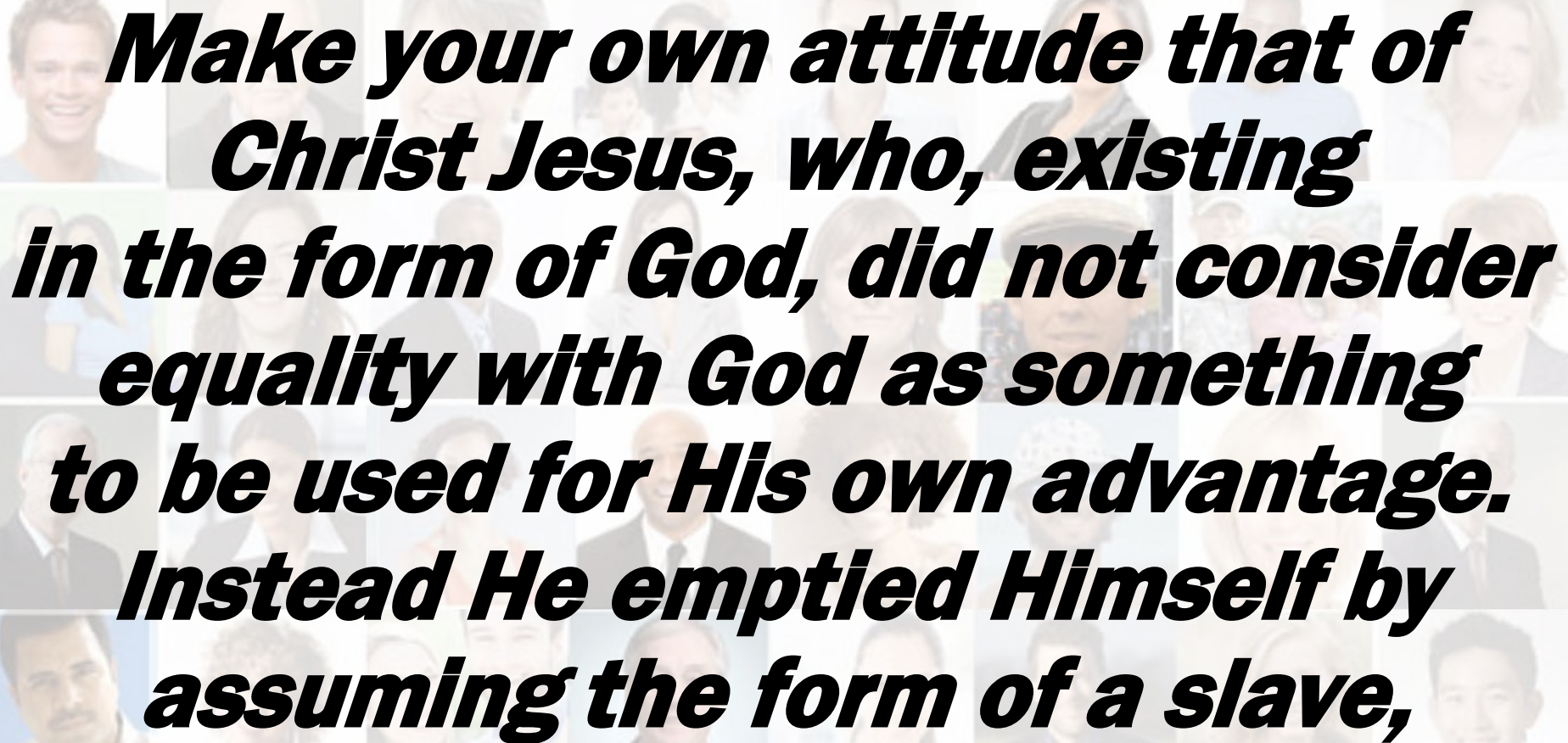


***Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit,  
but in humility consider others as  
more important than yourselves.  
Everyone should look out not only  
for his own interests, but also for  
the interests of others.***

***(Philippians 2:3-4 HCSB)***

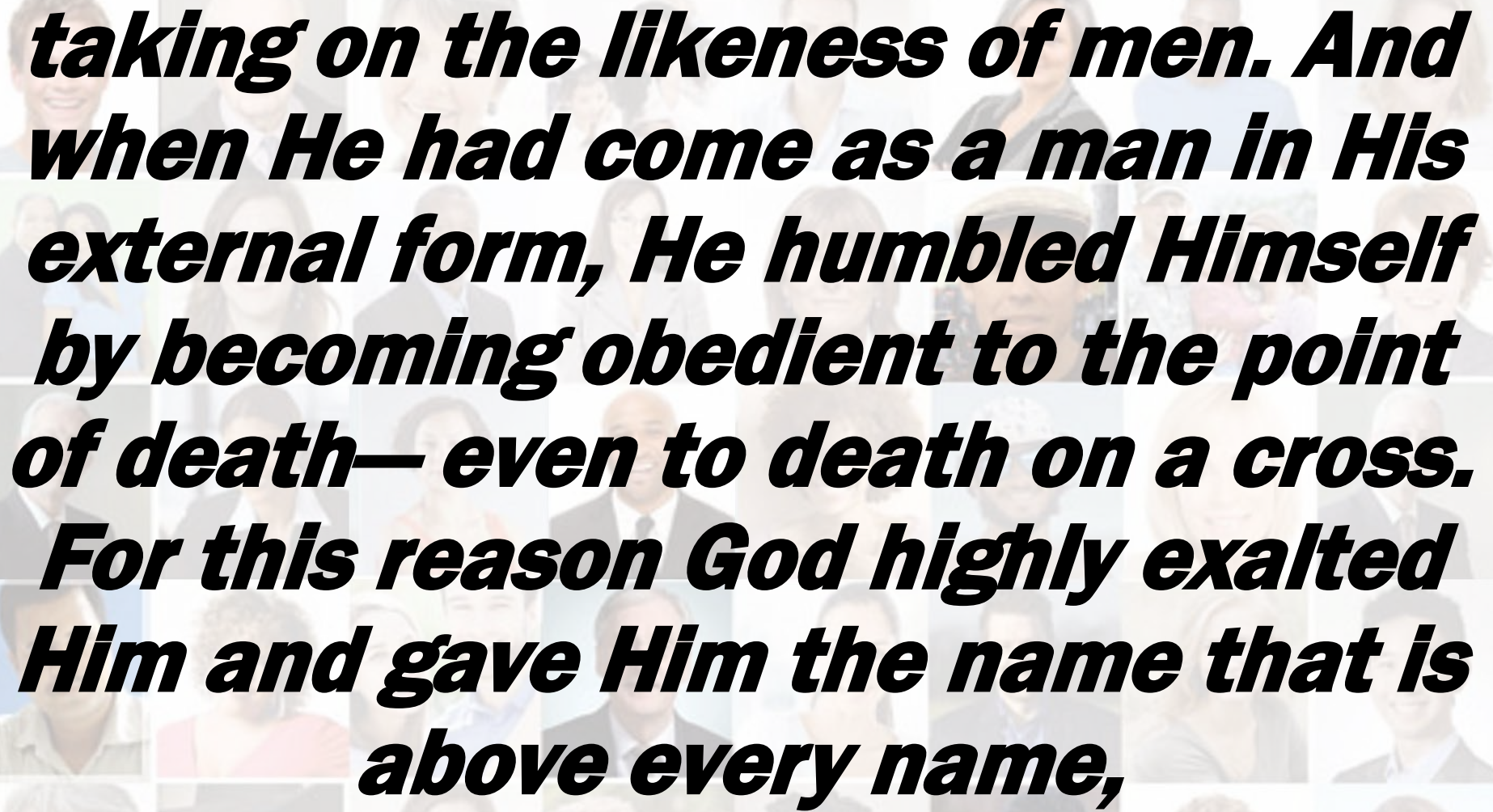


**PURPOSE TAKES  
PRIORITY OVER  
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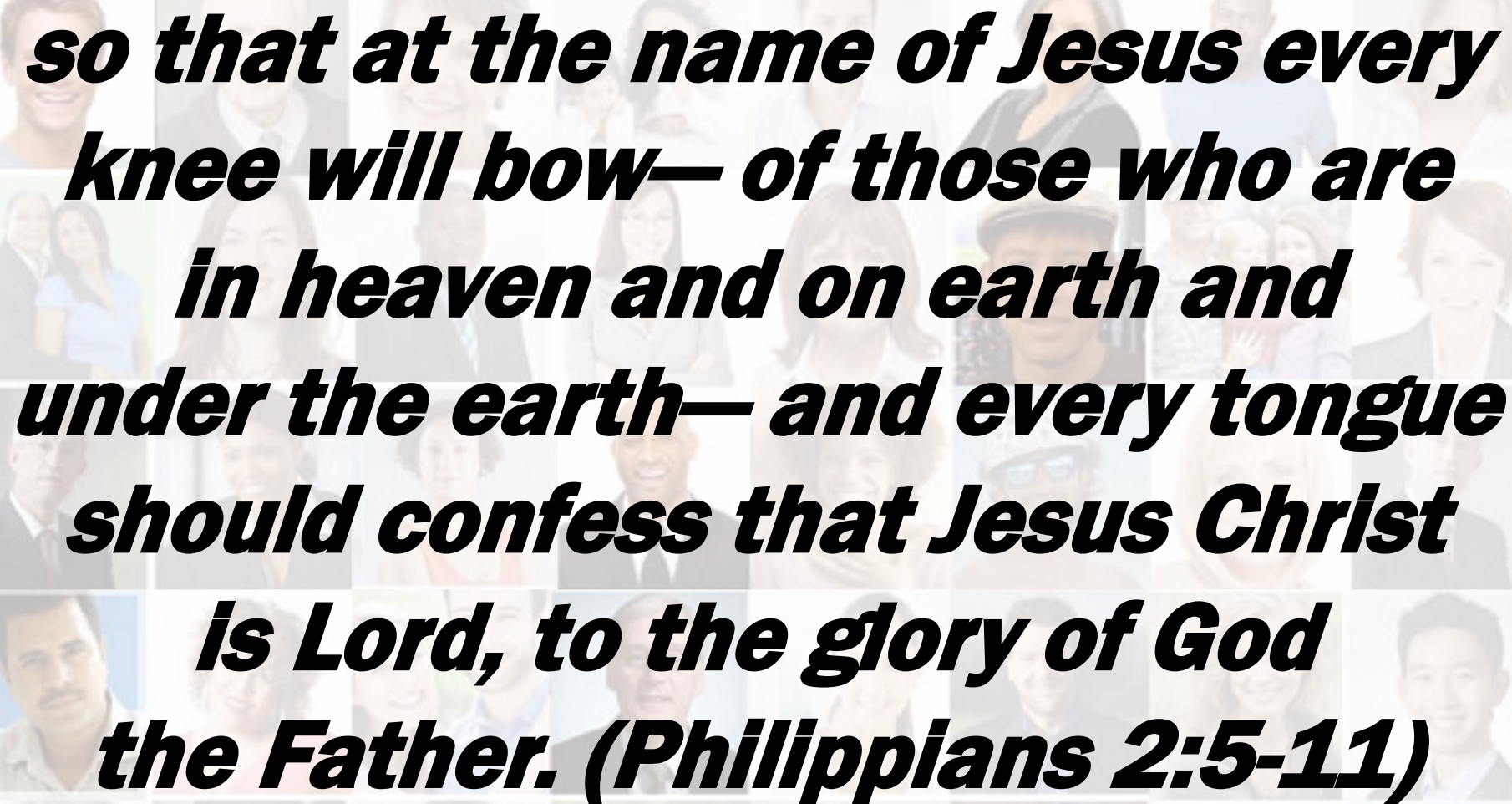


***Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave,***



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***taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name,***

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***so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth— and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)***



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