

# *STEPPING*

INTO THE MISERY & MARGINS



***STEPPING BY  
ABIDING***



***COMPASSION FAIL***

***COMPASSION FASHION***

***COMPASSION FATIGUE***

***COMPASSION FILLING***



*“When a person can't find a deep sense of meaning,  
they distract themselves with pleasure.”*

— Viktor E. Frankl

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“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

– Matthew 6:2-4



***PRIVATE SHOWING BRINGS  
A GREATER REWARD THAN  
PUBLIC SHARING.***



Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

– Luke 17:11-13

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When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

– Luke 17:14

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# ***CLEANSSED (KATHARIZO):***

*“To make clean.”*

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# ***KATHAR = CATHARSIS***

*“A release of emotional tension, as after an overwhelming experience, that restores or refreshes the spirit.”*

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Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

– Luke 17:19

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# ***WELL (SŌZŌ):***

*“To make whole.”*

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Now having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed or with a visible display; nor will people say, ‘Look! Here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ For the kingdom of God is among you because of My presence.”

– Luke 17:20-21 AMP



- 1. LEVERAGE POSITION FOR PROXIMITY.**
- 2. MOVE FROM SANITIZED TO SCANDALIZED.**
- 3. EXCHANGE WHAT YOU HAVE FOR WHAT THEY GAIN.**
- 4. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS BUT NOT EVERY CROSS...SPIRIT BURDEN VS SHAME BURDEN.**



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.

– Philippians 2:1

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***COMMON SHARING =  
INTIMATE PARTNERSHIP***



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.

– Philippians 2:3-4

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*“Selfishness is tearing others down and vain conceit is building ourselves up.”*

– D. L. Moody

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Swallowing of pride seldom leads to indigestion.  
The easiest way to dignity is humility.  
If we learned humility it might spare us humiliation.  
The lowliest Christian is the loveliest Christian.  
All of God's thrones are reached by going downstairs.

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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!

– Philippians 2:5-8



# **AMBITION**

*“You may get to the very top of the ladder and find it has not been leaning against the right wall.”*

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***SUCCESS IS DETERMINED  
BY WHAT YOU BUILD.***

***SIGNIFICANCE IS DETERMINED  
BY WHOM YOU BUILD.***



***SUCCESS MIGHT BE ABOUT  
CLIMBING HIGHER***

***WHILE SIGNIFICANCE IS ABOUT  
CLIMBING LOWER***



***JESUS LIVED A LIFE OF  
SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE HE HAD  
DOWNWARD MOBILITY!***



**Heaven**

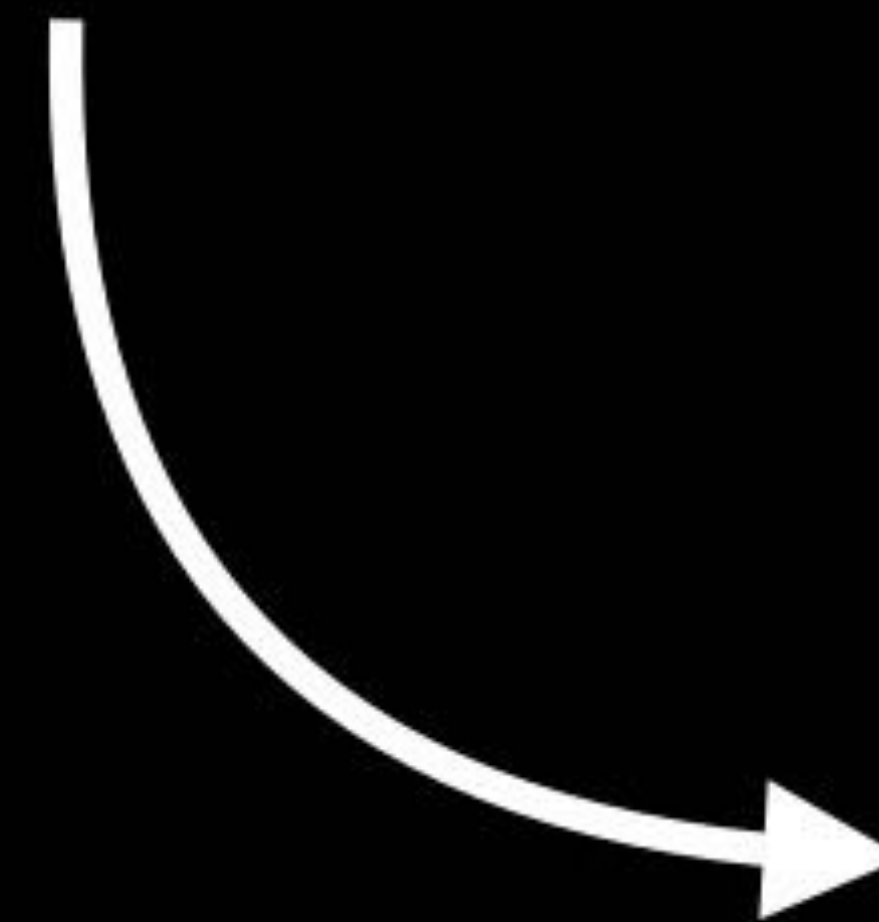
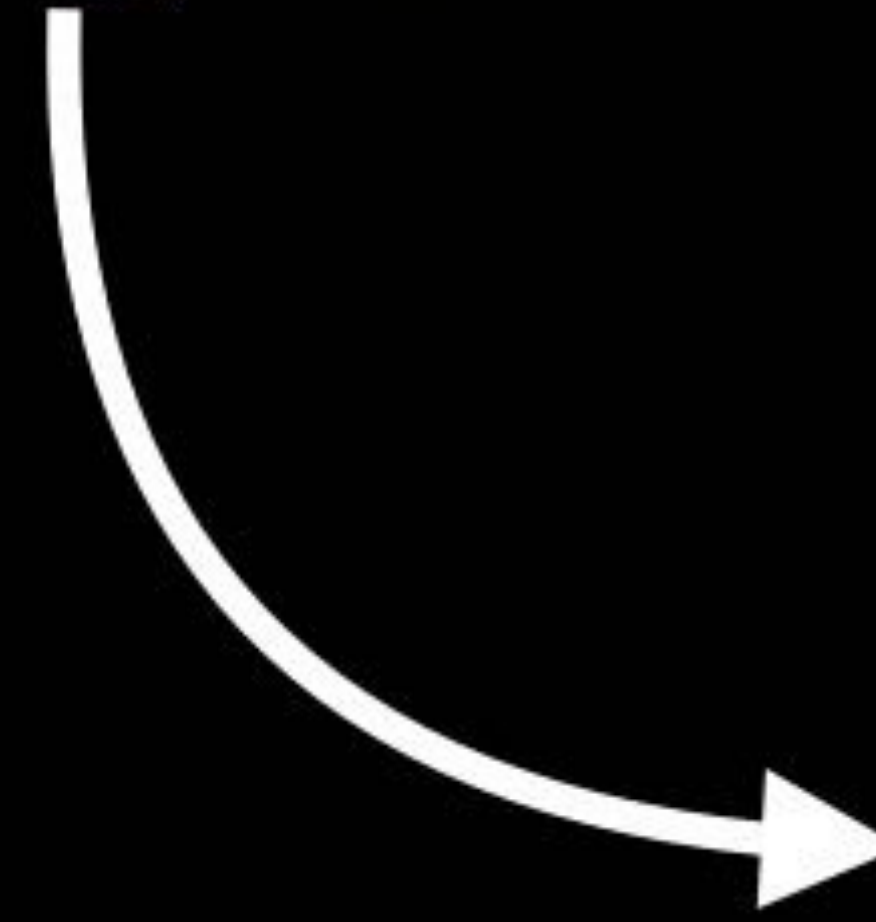
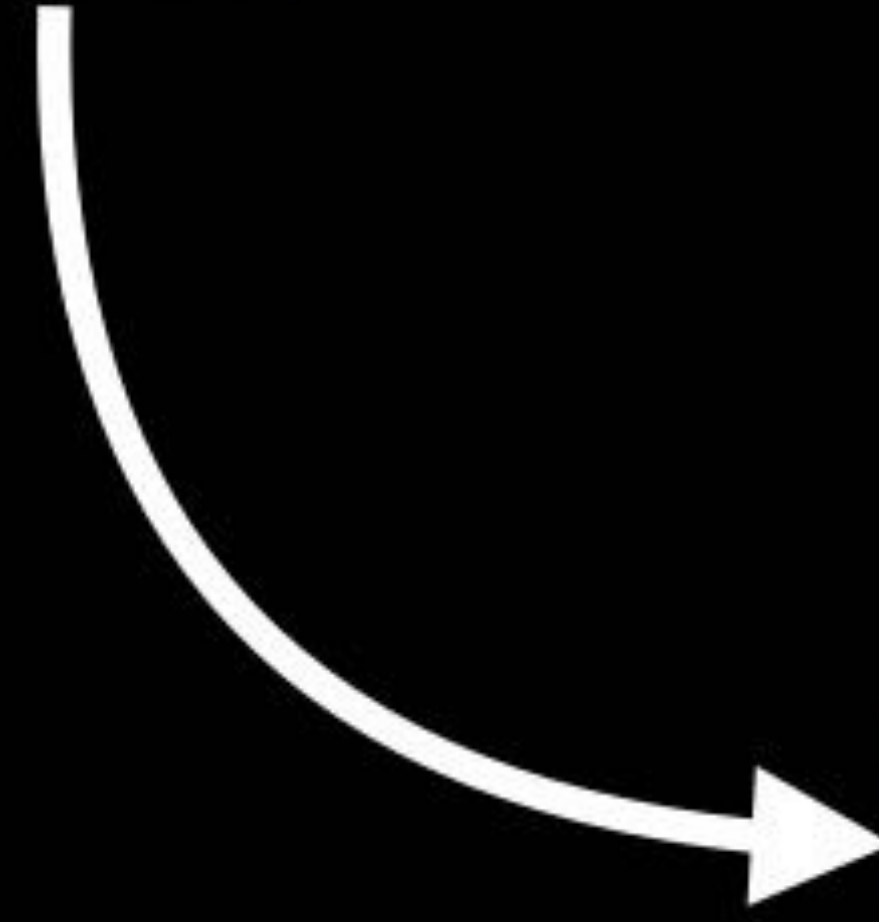
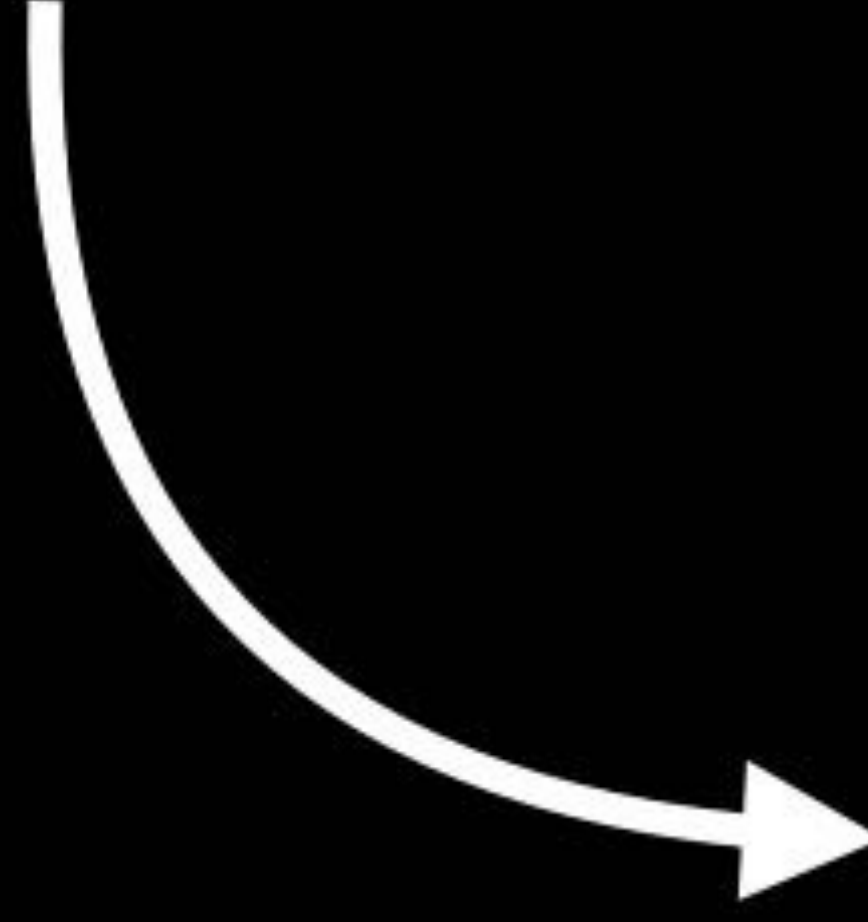
**Heaven**

**Earth**

**Margins**

**Cross**

**Grave**













Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. Live in Me, and I will live in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in being vitally united to the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

– John 15:4 AMPC

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***WE OFTEN TRY TO ACCOMPLISH  
THE VISION OF JESUS WITHOUT  
THE PROVISION OF THE SPIRIT.***



***THE BEST MEASURE OF A  
SPIRITUAL LIFE IS NOT ITS  
ECSTASIES BUT ITS OBEDIENCE.***



“To ‘abide’ ... means to keep in fellowship with Christ so that His life can work in us and through us to produce fruit.”

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*“Abiding time is extravagant daily time with Jesus. This extravagant time is the center of abiding. Not legalism, not dry discipline, not manufactured spirituality, but joyous soaking in the presence of Jesus, lavish spending of time with Him who is most precious, Him from whom all life flows. In a world that is over-connected yet lonely, frantically busy yet accomplishing little of eternal value, super-informed but egregiously ignorant on what really matters, abiding gives Jesus the best of our time, in which He leads us to the best of times.”*

— Missionaries Who Love The Arab World



***HE LIVES IN US BUT  
WE DON'T LIVE IN HIM.***



This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit.

– 1 John 4:13 MSG

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***HOW DO WE ABIDE  
IN THE SPIRIT?***



Trust Fully

Die to Self

Receive His Love

Receive His Truth

Soak in His Word

Walk in Obedience

Listen to His Voice

Express Gratitude and Praise

Eliminate Consumption and Comparison of the World

Pray and Share Everything with Him



