# Visionary Leadership through a faith lens

Leadership is described in many ways; autocratic, collaborative, distributive, servant, and in our current times, strategic. What the world needs most in these complex, even fragile times, is leadership that is visionary. Our faith tradition offers a particular way of understanding visionary leadership that ensures it is more sustainable and more rooted in the lives of the people we serve. This workshop will explore what hope-filled leadership looks like.

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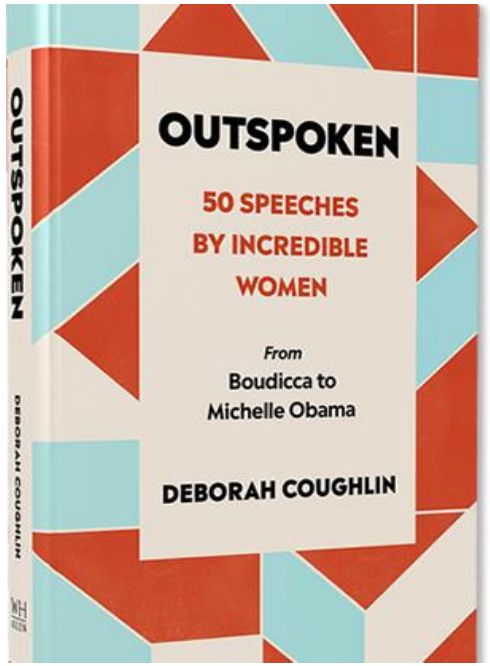


# VISIONARY
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Visionaries help us imagine and plan our future. They envision a new better world, and they tell us about it. They rouse us from the sleepy status quo and help us figure out what to do next. They bring us together and the impossible seem possible, and often face audiences who don't welcome their inconvenient ideas.

Deborah Coughlin, Outspoken: 50 Speeches by Incredible Women, 2019, p.243.

Prophetic
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# Abraham Heschel

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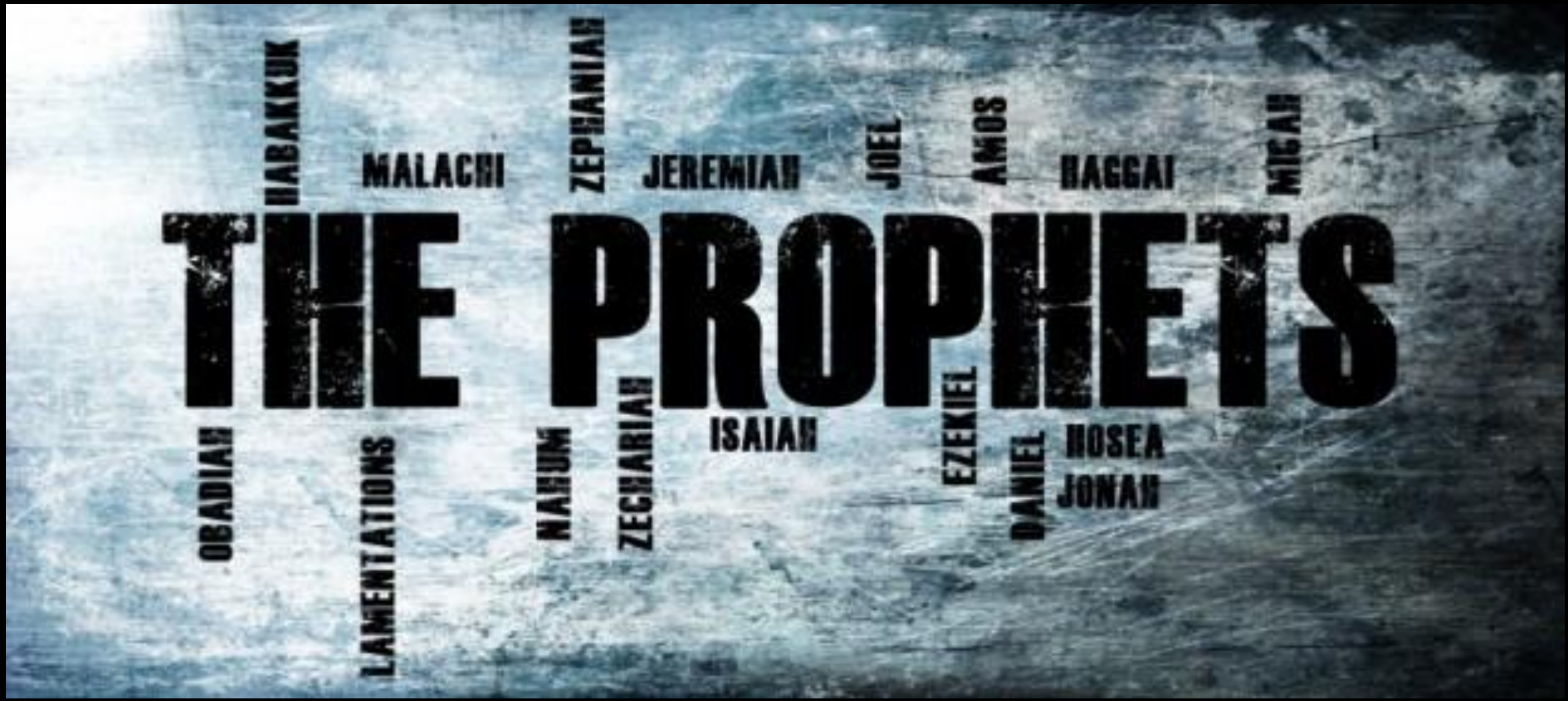
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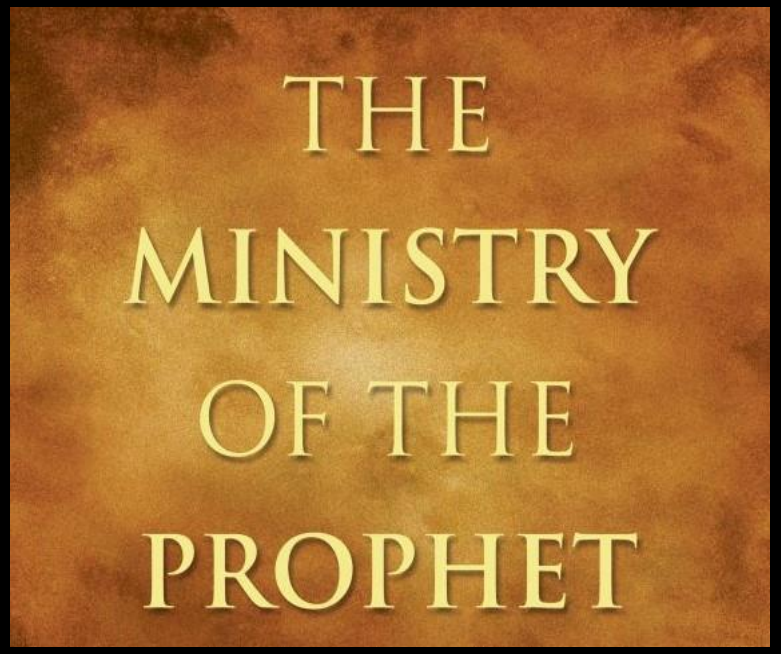
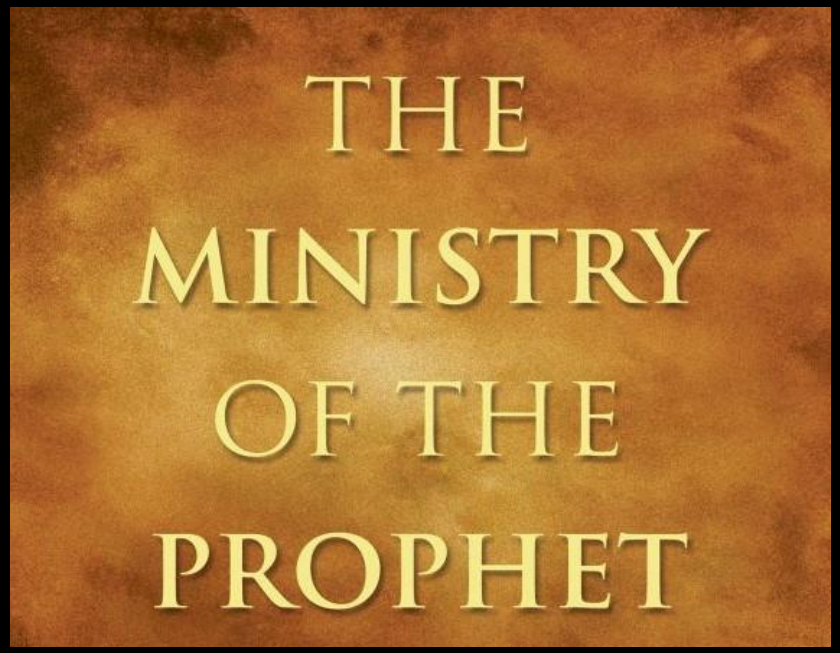


1. No to their society: economic/sociopolitical/cultic
2. Condemnation of habits and assumptions, complacency, waywardness and syncretism.
3. Compelled to proclaim the very opposite of what his/her heart expects.



4. Fundamental objective is to reconcile people to God.

5. Why? Perhaps it is due to our false sense of sovereignty, to our abuse of freedom, to our aggressive sprawling pride, resenting God's involvement in history. p.xv

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*Touching a Finger to the Flame*

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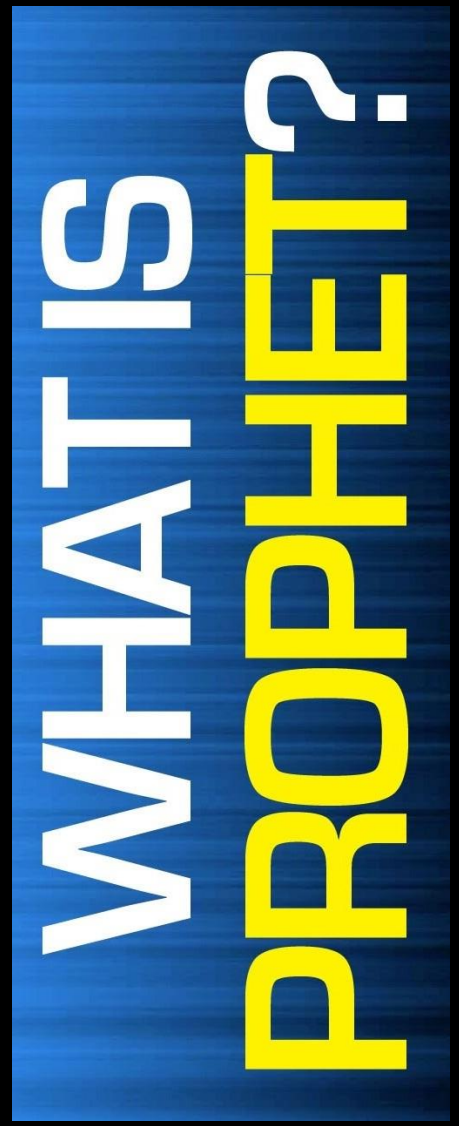


hope and re-birth

here and now

indignation and urgency

in tune with the Spirit

pay the price

gentleness and compassion

new horizons

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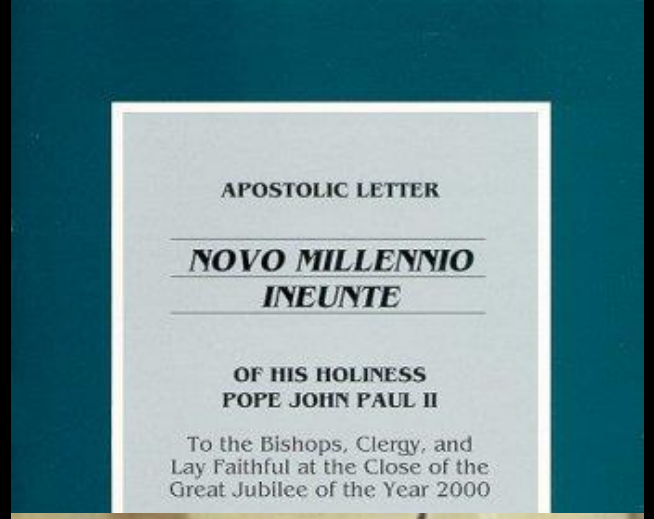
Leadership is about paying attention moment to moment. It is about opening up the mind, the heart and the will.

Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert, *Leadership Mindsets: Innovation and Learning in the Transformation of Schools* (New York: Routledge, 2009), 140.



Where are the individuals with the generosity . . . faith . . . daring . . . We need unconventional people to take on leadership roles. Those who are close to the poor, who can galvanise young people by being willing to try new approaches. We need to be challenged by people who are fired by the spirit so that it can be spread far and wide. p.22

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go but ought to be.”

Rosalynn Carter

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Harvard Business Review

# How Humble Leadership Really Works

by Dan Cable

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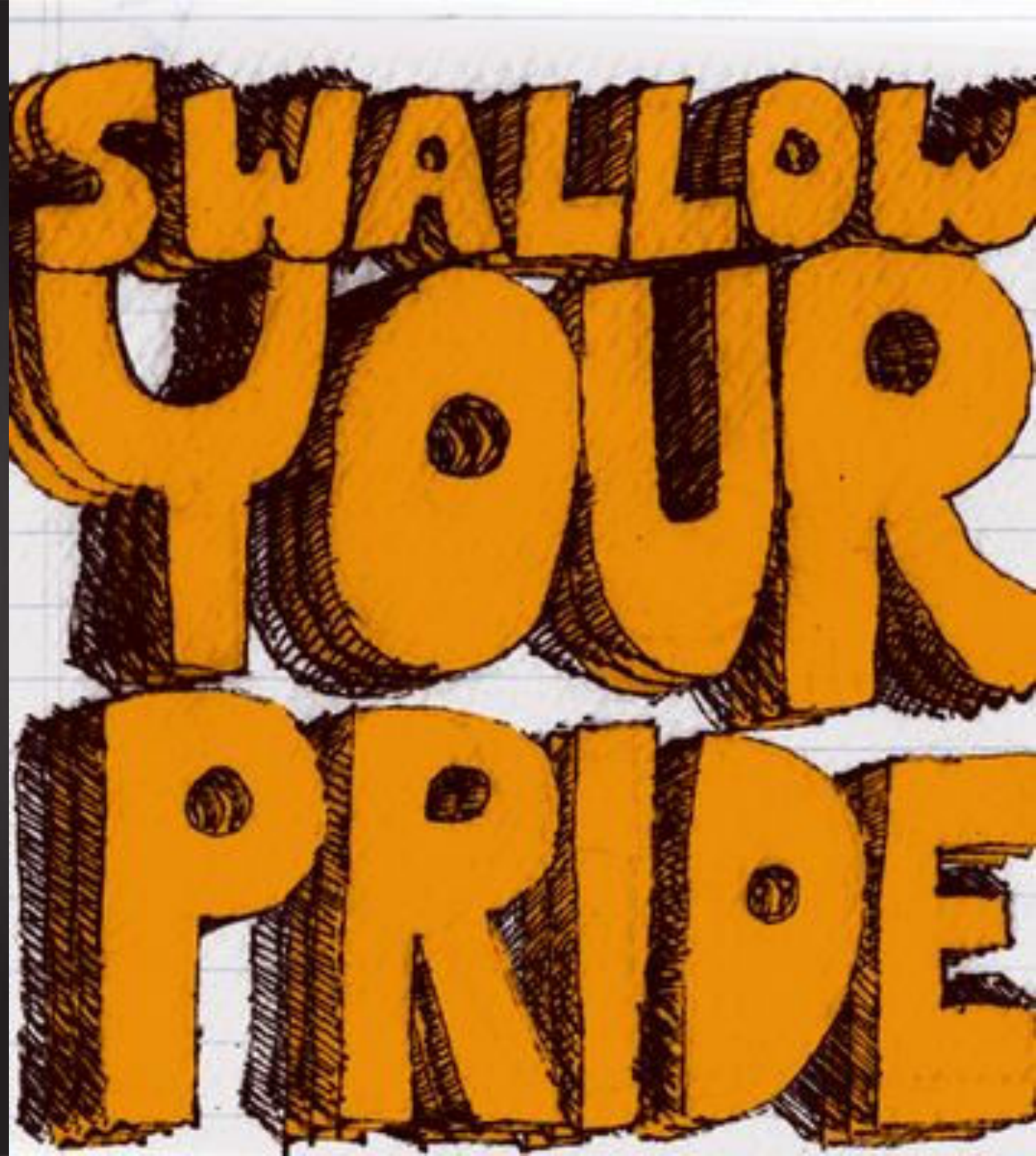
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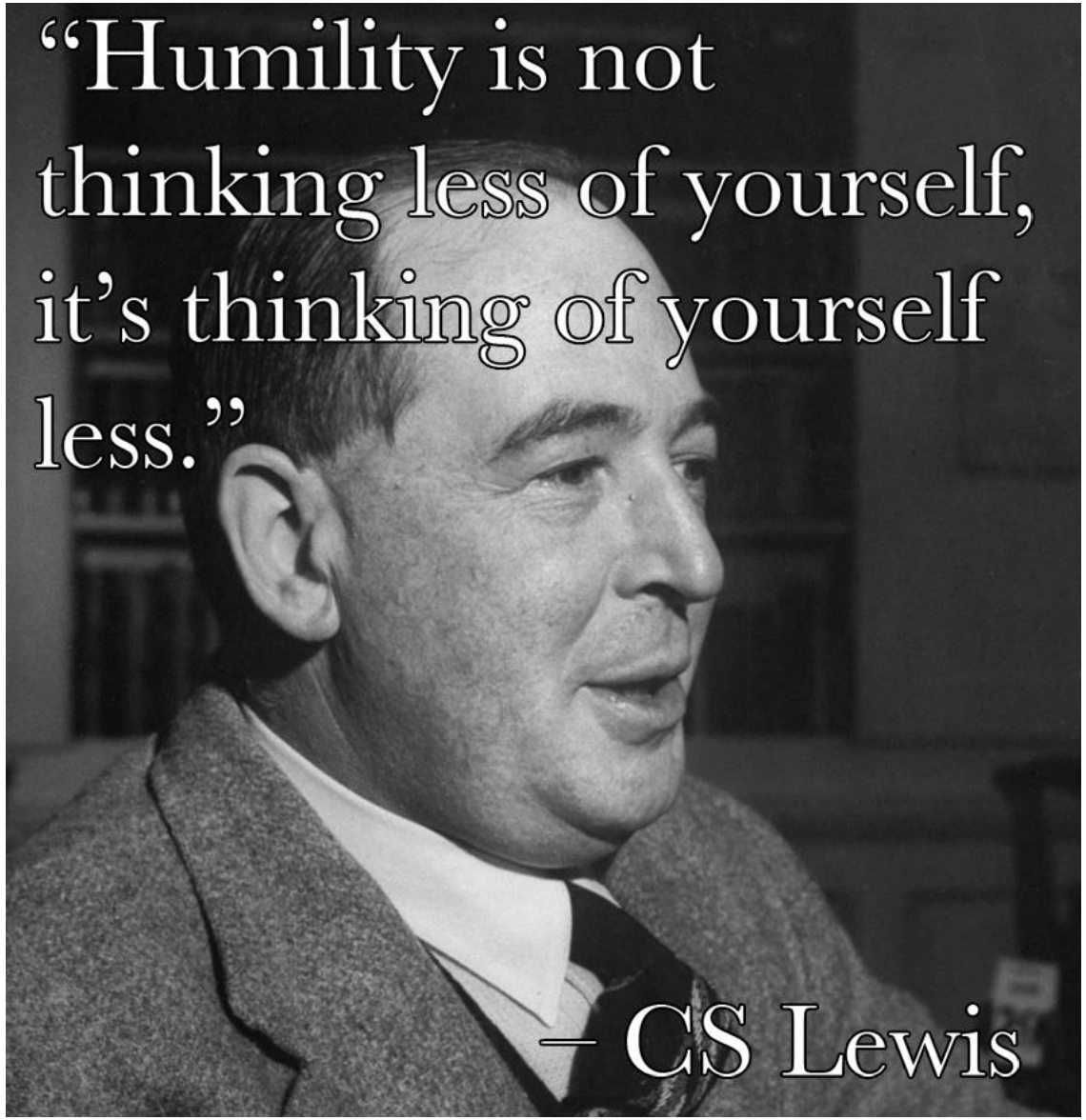
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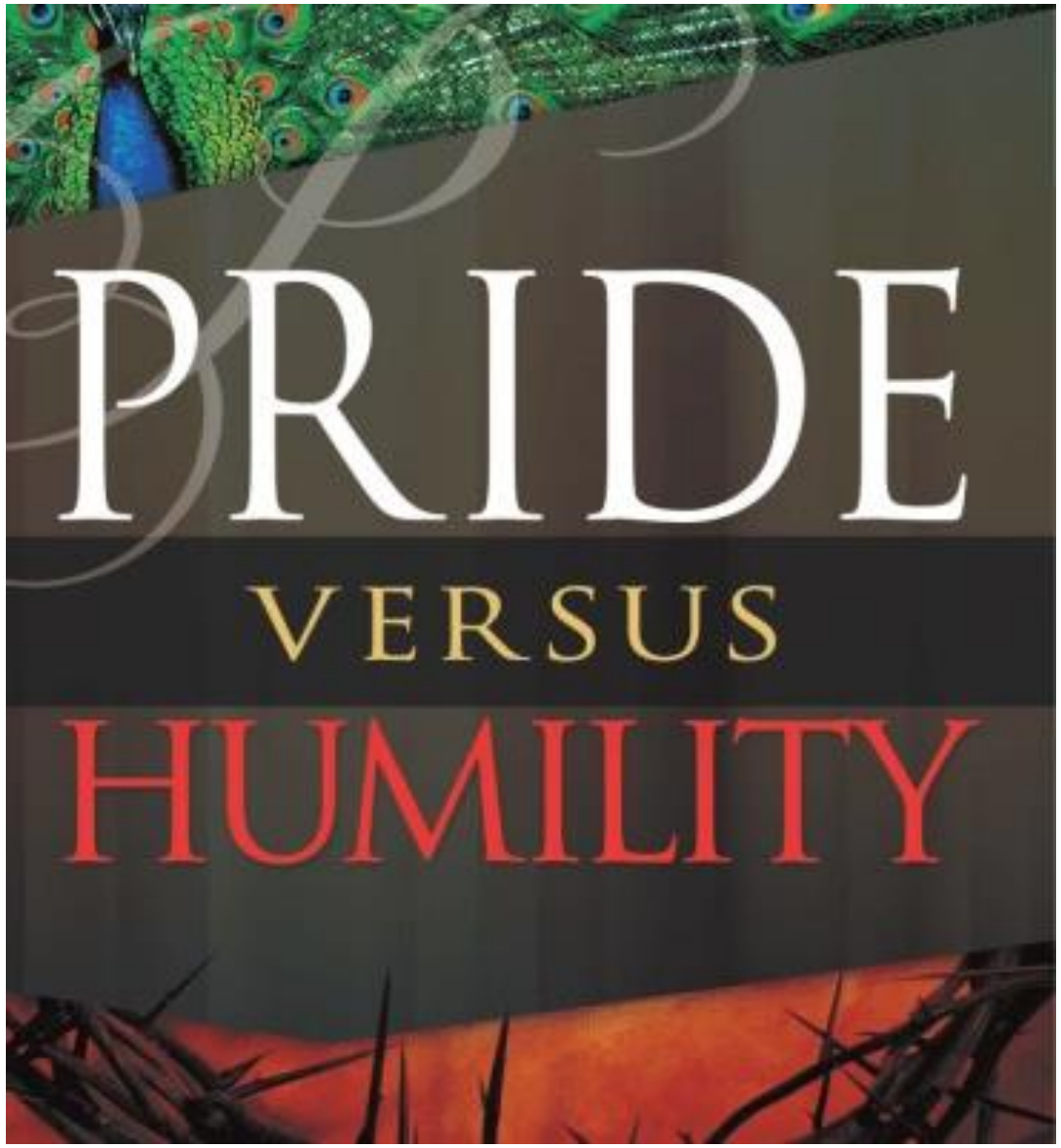
– CS Lewis

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