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All God's plans have the mark of the cross on them,  
and all His plans have death to self in them.

E. M Bounds

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus  
St Paul to the Philippians

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14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky  
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Philippians 2:5-11, 14-16

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1 Peter 4:10-11



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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, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 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 2:1-4



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# POOLSIDE APOLOGY

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FULLER PICTURE

Was God

Who being in very nature God

Philippians 2:6

Was human

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Philippians 2:6-8

God heals the sicknesses and the griefs by making the sicknesses and the griefs his suffering and his grief. In the image of the crucified God the sick and dying can see themselves, because in them the crucified God recognizes himself.

Jürgen Moltmann

Humbled on a cross

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45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

RESPONSE: SERVANTHOOD

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The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us.

A. W. Tozer

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the teaching of another and  
imitates their example

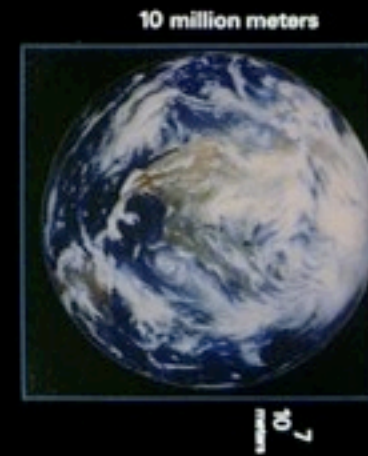
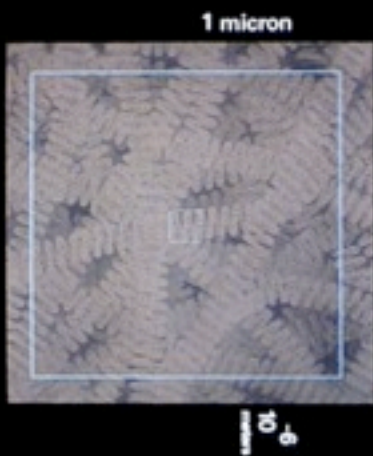
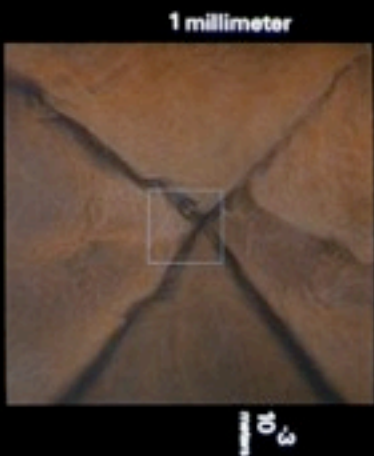
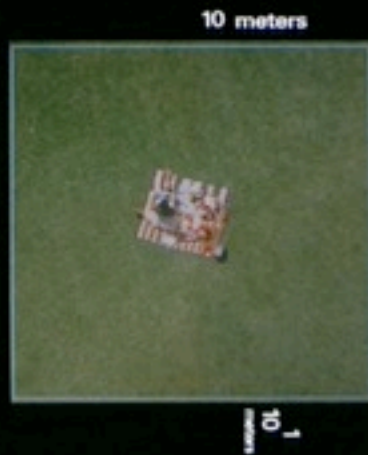
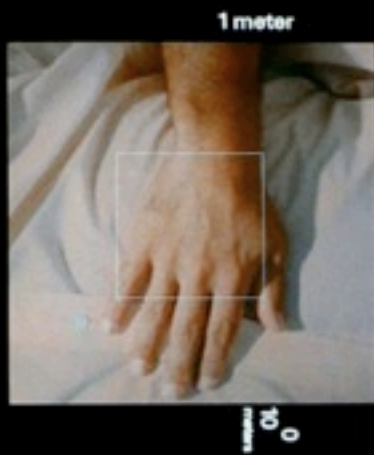
# Mind of Christ

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# Essential Elements

- TIME
- SIMPLICITY
- HABIT
- STEWARDSHIP
- COST
- ATTITUDE

# Power of Ten



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# COMMUNION

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In our thoughts, words and deeds, we have chosen to live apart from God, the only source of life, love and goodness. We have committed sins against Him continually.

The wages of our sin is death: the death of our bodies, and the death of our spirits, which is separation from God forever. There is nothing within us that can make it otherwise.

But God's love is greater than our sin. His grace is stronger than our failure. His plans are more marvelous than our stumbling about.

He sent His Son, Jesus, perfect and mighty, full of grace and honor to be born into our human family, without sin. As our champion, he lived a perfect life and was unjustly sentenced to death. On the cross, He took our offenses upon Himself, the Father punishing Him in our place and doing away with our sin forever.

On the third day, God raised Him from the dead, having crushed the authority of our enemy and ending the hold of the Law over us.

For a sentence carried out has no more power. And those who come to Jesus declare that they died with Him on the cross and together with Him were raised to life again, living on as members of His body, the church, God making them His precious and holy daughters and sons,  
forever in love with them  
forever bound to them  
forever to live in their fellowship.