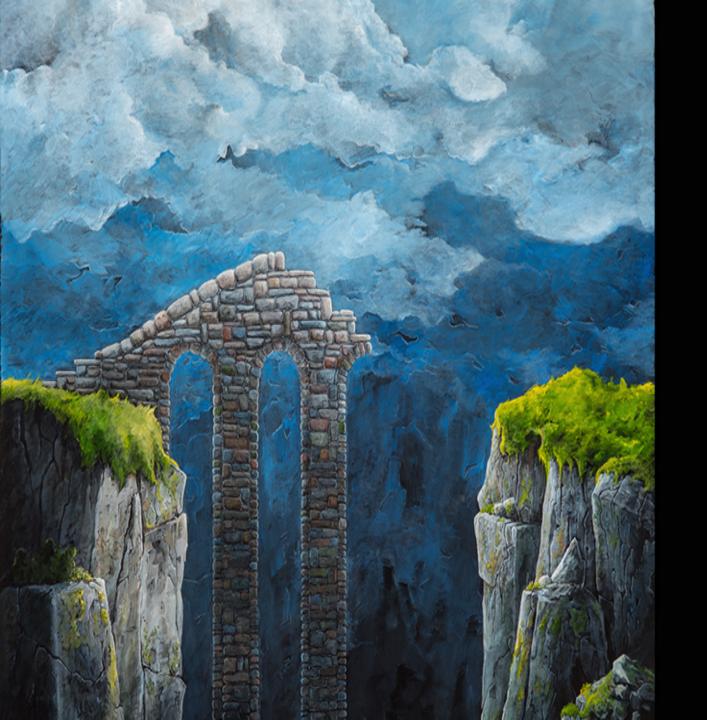


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Phil. 2:3-8



Closing the Gap:

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"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of to Lord Jesus."

Col. 3:17

When self-image is ordered under Christ...people do not think less of self they think of self less.

It is a settled fact that those who think first and most of self are the unhappiest people on the planet.

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Attitude = mind, thought patterns

If others "step on" us it will be a choice we make <u>not</u> a weakness in our character.

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Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:9-11

The bar is set high...nothing out of selfish ambition

The example is Christ:

"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory." 1 Timothy 3:16



What will happen if I live this kind of life?

What exactly will this look like?

We will need to grow our SA (situational awareness) of the needs and opportunities around us.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6

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