

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a grey denim jacket, stands with their arms crossed. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, with their body angled slightly towards the right. The background is a dark, textured grey. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the clothing and the person's skin.

Why we can't get along

Philippians 2:1-5

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, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:1-4

Sermon Outline

- The **CALL** for Unity
- The **COST** of Disunity
- The **CAUSE** of Disunity
- The **CURE** of Disunity

The Call for Unity

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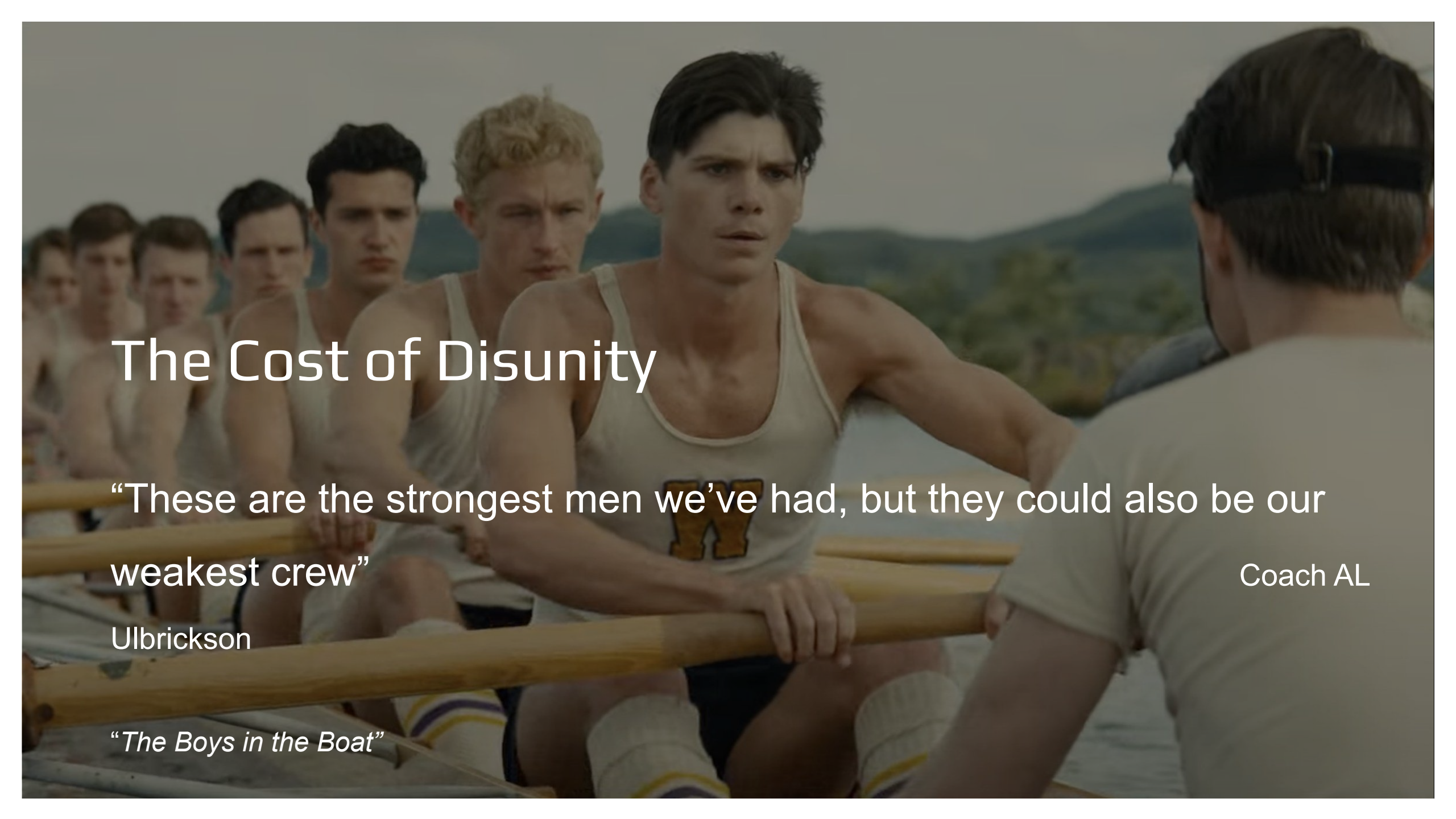




Able but can't work together

I plead with ***Euodia*** and I plead with ***Syntychē*** to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life

Phil 4:2-3

A rowing team of young men in white tank tops with a yellow 'W' logo are in a boat. A coach, seen from the back, is in the foreground. The background shows a lake and mountains.

The Cost of Disunity

“These are the strongest men we’ve had, but they could also be our
weakest crew”

Coach AL

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“The Boys in the Boat”

The Cause of Disunity

Do nothing out of ***selfish ambition*** or ***vain conceit***.

Phil 2:3a



Selfish ambition or vain conceit



Two sides of a same coin.



Selfish ambition is *mercenary self-seeking*.



Vain conceit is *empty pride*.



Come from *human brokenness*

For where you have envy and ***selfish ambition***, there you find ***disorder*** and every evil practice

James 3:16



“Love is not a jerk”

A Sunday School Child

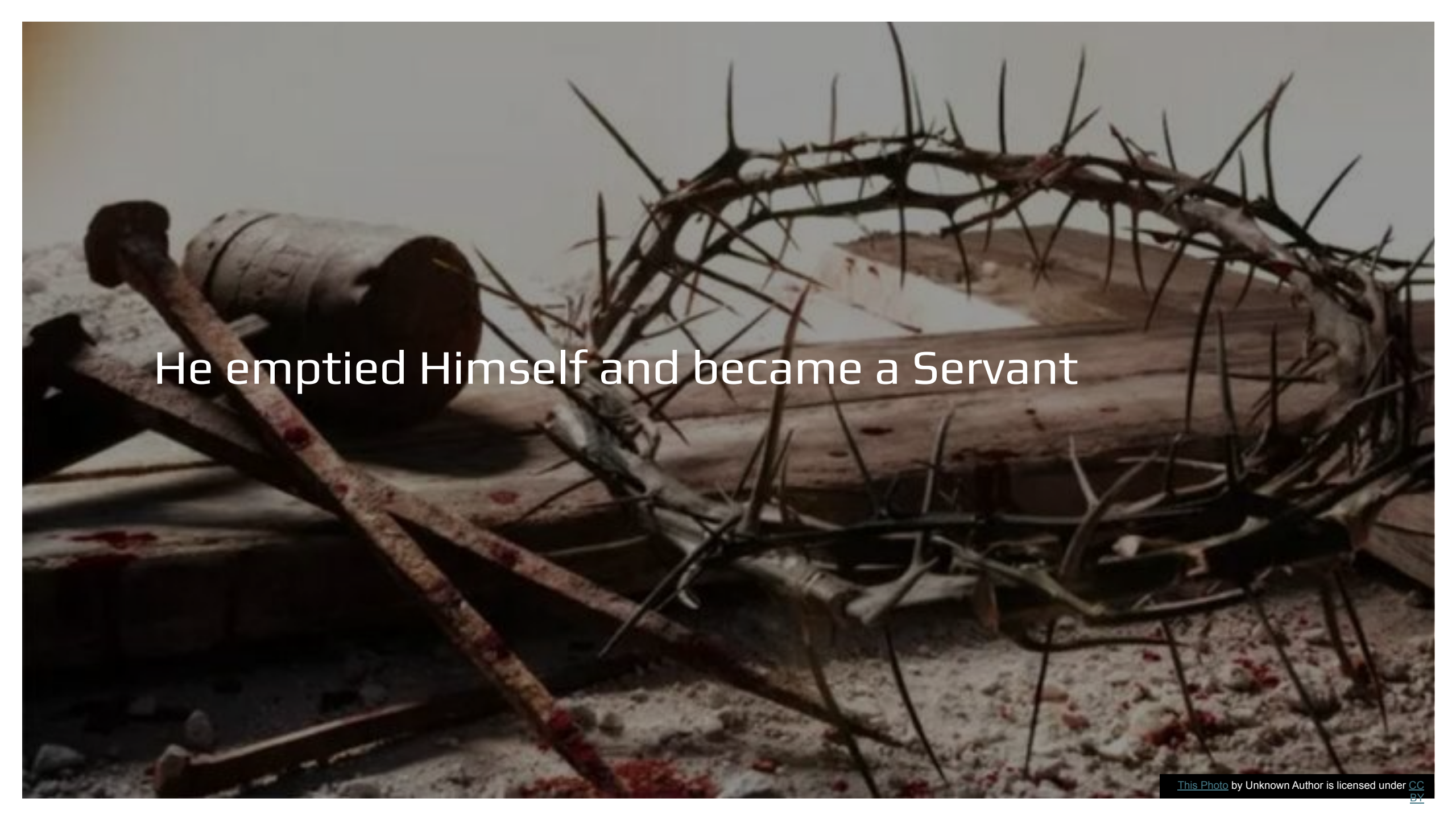
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1Corinthians 13:4-7

If you have a Solomon
moment....

That night God appeared to
Solomon and said to him, “Ask for
whatever you want me to give
you.”

2 Chronicles 1:7



He emptied Himself and became a Servant

Humility is the mother of all virtues
and the magnificent gift of the
Saviour

John Cassian

servant of

The Cure

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility** value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

John 13:14 niv



If anyone would like to acquire
humility, the first step is to realize
one is proud. Nothing can be done
before it.

— *C. S. Lewis* —

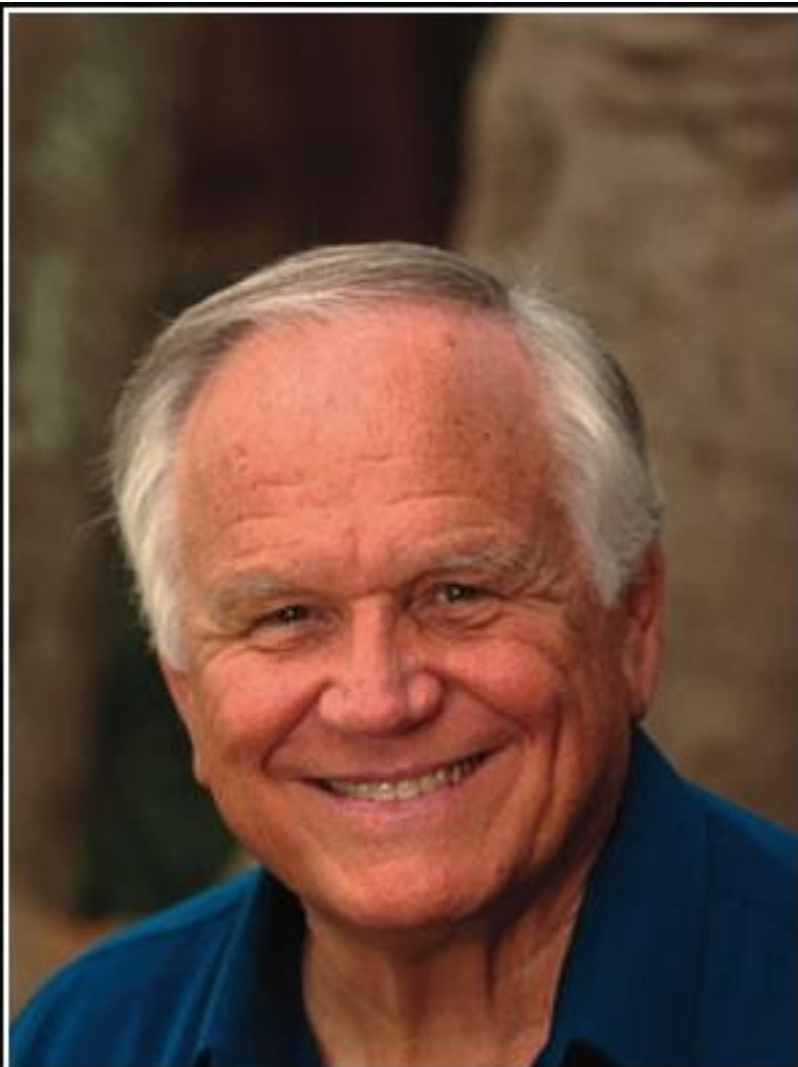
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Pusher and the Pigs

Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you

Matthew 7:6



Disagreements don't cause disunity,
a lack of forgiveness does.

— *Loren Cunningham* —

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UNITY

When all eight are rowing in such perfect unison, then you are not fighting each other, you are moving with less effort, each of your stroke is worth one and a half of the other boat's. Most crew don't find it but when they do, rowing is more poetry than sport.

Coach Al Ulbrickson



Summary

- The **CALL** for Unity – Together is better
- The **COST** of Disunity – Everyone loses in disunity
- The **CAUSE** of Disunity – Selfish ambition & pride
- The **CURE** of Disunity – Humility